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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Michael Feinstein, Geologist and Project Manager  
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**RE: Denial of Application for CN Project – Sierra Gold and Silver Ltd.  
MMD Permit No. CA028EM – Catron County, New Mexico**

Mr. Feinstein:

In an October 2, 2024 letter, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) provided a notice of inactivity and a pending denial of a permit application for a minimal impact exploration – CN Project (Application) from Sierra Gold and Silver Ltd (Applicant), MMD Permit No. CA028EM, located in Catron County, New Mexico. This Application has been inactive for over a year without responses by the Applicant or his consultant on the agency comment letter from December 27, 2023.

Since more than 30 days has passed since the pending denial and notice of inactivity letter without reply, MMD hereby denies the Application for exploration permit CA028EM. To restart the process, the Applicant may resubmit the minimal impact exploration permit application with an additional application fee when the Applicant is prepared to pursue this project in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Myers of my staff at 505-490-0726 or by email at [kevin.myers@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:kevin.myers@emnrd.nm.gov).

By Order of the Director,

Albert Chang, Director  
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