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February 28, 2018

Mr. David Lelsz
Water Quality Division
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Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Re: December 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018
Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07**

Dear Mr. Lelsz:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the thirty-ninth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from December 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since December 1, 2017, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Requested the postponement of the April 1, 2018 submittal date for the action level report described in Section 4.4 of the Mitigation Plan¹ until April 1, 2021, at which time the adequacy of the plume data will be evaluated again.
- Conducted first quarter 2018 semiannual groundwater sampling and quarterly sampling at NWC-04 per Long Term Plume Monitoring schedule.

¹ Clear Creek Associates. 2015. Mitigation Plan for Sulfate with Respect to Drinking Water Supplies, Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-121-07. March 6, 2015.

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During the next quarter, the following activities will be conducted:

- Submit the fourth Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report by March 31, 2018.
- Submit the fourth Annual Mitigation Performance Review Report by April 30, 2018.
- Conduct second quarter 2018 groundwater monitoring.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report, please contact me at (520) 432-6206 or our project manager Stuart Brown at (602) 366-8303.

Sincerely,



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