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**RE: Approval of Revised Supplemental Completion Report Razorback Ridge Area
Interim Remedial Action Smelter/Tailing Soils Investigation Unit dated July 1, 2016 Chino
Administrative Order on Consent.**

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
received the above original referenced report dated October 1, 2015. The public comment period
for this report closed on April 5, 2016 without input, comments or questions from any interested
parties.

NMED completed its review of the report and met in the field with Freeport-McMoRan Inc.
(FMI) staff on April 20, 2016 to discuss various aspects of the report. In a letter dated May 26,
2016, NMED provided comments and requested revisions to the document. FMI submitted an
extension of time request dated June 3, 2016, which was approved by NMED on June 7, 2016.
FMI submitted the revised report to NMED dated July 1, 2016. NMED accepts the revised report
and attached comments as satisfactory and therefore approves the revised report noted above.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 956-1550.

Sincerely,

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