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Ms. Mindy Cross
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**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-50-06
July 1st through September 30, 2011 Status Report**

Dear Ms. Cross:

In accordance with Section V.A. of the Mitigation Order on Consent, Docket No. P-50-06, Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. (Sierrita) submits the Status Report covering the period from July 1st through September 30, 2011.

Since the last Status Report was submitted, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the Mitigation Order:


- Completed the 3rd quarter 2011 groundwater monitoring activities.
- Held the third CAG meeting of the year on September 20th.
- Continued work towards acquisition of State Trust land.
- Continued work on obtaining the easements and/or rights-of-way on public or private land where new wells and associated infrastructure will be placed.
- Worked with developer to secure access via easement and/or purchase of land for MC-2 and MC-3 wells locations.
- Began construction of the water conveyance system and associated infrastructure for the four new interceptor wells (IW-25 through IW-28).
- Commenced prep work for the new four Plume Stabilization (PS) wells drilling.
- Continued work on the feasibility study for the new tailings impoundment.

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

- Continue construction of the water conveyance system and associated infrastructure for the four new interceptor wells.
- Commence drilling of PS wells.
- Continue work to obtain the easements and/or right-of-ways on public or private lands where new wells that are not dependant on the purchase of State Land will be placed.
- Continue work towards acquiring State Trust land.
- Continue working on the feasibility study for the new tailings impoundment.
- Conduct quarterly groundwater monitoring according to the revised groundwater monitoring schedule.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stuart Brown at (602) 448-0972 or myself at (520) 393-2696 if you have any question regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,


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