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Via Certified Mail # 7011 1150 0000 0283 5774 Return Receipt Requested

Ms. Mindi Cross Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Compliance Section 1110 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2935

Re:

Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-50-06 April 1st through June 30th, 2012 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 April 1st through June 30th, 2012.

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

- Completed the 2nd quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring activities.
- Continued work towards acquisition of State Trust land. ASLD has set the auction date for July 24, 2012.
- 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.
- Continued to work with developer to secure access via easement and/or purchase of land for MC-2 and MC-3 wells locations.
- Completed drilling of the new four Plume Stabilization (PS) wells. Next step is to install pumps and pipeline.
- Continued work on the feasibility study for the new tailings impoundment.
- Commenced construction of the booster station needed for the entire mitigation well conveyance system.

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

- Complete pump and pipeline installation on PS wells.
- Continue construction of booster station for the entire mitigation well conveyance system.
- Continue work to obtain the easements and/or right-of-ways on public or private lands where new wells that are not dependent 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.
- Commence drilling of MC-2 and MC-4 wells.

Hold the next CAG meeting after ASLD auction date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 393-2696 if you have any question regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

Clinton D. Beck

Environmental Engineer

Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc.

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