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Attention: Clinton D. Beck Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Operations 6200 West Duval Mine Road PO Box 527 Green Valley, Arizona 85622-0527

Re:

Request for Mitigation Plan Implementation Schedule Extension - Mitigation Order on

Consent P-50-06

Dear Mr. Beck:

This correspondence is in response to the November 27, 2012 letter of request from Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Operations for the Mitigation Plan Implementation schedule extension under the Mitigation Order on Consent P-50-06.

The Arizona Department of Environmental has reviewed the proposed schedule, tasks, and dates and understands the request for an extension is being made due to the delay in the acquisition of Arizona State Trust lands. ADEQ agrees with the proposed schedule changes presented in the November 27, 2012 letter to complete the tasks and approves of the associated dates for completion of the well conveyance system and submittal of a revised Groundwater portion of the Mitigation Plan. The revised Groundwater portion of the Mitigation Plan is to include the Post Implementation Monitoring Plan and the Operation and Maintenance Plan by December 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

Mindi Cross, Manager

Water Quality Compliance Section

Cc: Stuart Brown, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold