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Via Certified Mail # 7011 1150 0000 0283 9420
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Ms. Mindi Cross
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Re: **Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-50-06**
July 1st through September 30th, 2013 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 30th, 2013.

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

- Third quarter 2013 groundwater monitoring was completed.
- Inspection of the continental booster station was completed.
- The third Community Advisory Group meeting of the year was held on September 24, 2013.
- The subsidence study to evaluate impacts of the Mitigation Order pumping plan to the community and Sierrita structures is in progress and is anticipated to be completed in the term.
- A technical and economic feasibility study of the new tailing impoundment is still in progress and not expected to be concluded in the near term.

The Mitigation Order well system (wells and conveyance systems) is scheduled to come online in the next quarter. The following activities are anticipated to be completed during the next quarter:

- Test and commission the continental booster station.
- Test and commission PS wells.
- Install pumps, test and commission MC and FFS wells.
- Conduct quarterly groundwater monitoring according to the revised groundwater monitoring schedule.
- Hold the fourth CAG meeting of 2013.
- Submit the Semiannual groundwater monitoring report.
- Submit the post implementation monitoring plan for the well system.
- Submit the updated Mitigation Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 393-2252 if you have any question regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

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