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March 31, 2016

Via Certified Mail # 7015 1520 0002 5365 7898 **Return Receipt Requested**

Ms. Madeline Keller 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 January 1st through March 31st, 2016 Status Report

Dear Ms. Keller:

In accordance with Mitigation Order on Consent, Docket No. P-50-06 Section V. Status Reports A., Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. (Sierrita) submits this Status Report covering the period of January 1st through March 31th, 2016.

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

- The sulfate mitigation action well field has been in operation since the startup date of January 6, 2014
- Sierrita has reduced pumping, but not to the level specified in the contingency plan, and implemented other aspects of the contingency plan submitted to the ADEQ on November 9, 2015 and amended on March 7, 2016;
- First quarter 2016 groundwater monitoring was completed
- Submitted the Reporting Year 2015 Annual Mitigation Facilities Monitoring Report

The following activities are anticipated to be completed during the next quarter:

- Conduct second quarter groundwater monitoring
- Hold the first of three CAG meetings of 2016
- Submit Annual Mitigation Performance Review Report
- Submit Semi-Annual Monitoring Report

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 393-2347 if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Environmental Specialist

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