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July 17, 2008

Mr. Robert Casey Water Quality Enforcement Unit Manager Arizona Department of Environmental Quality 1110 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07 Monitoring Well Site No. 5

Dear Mr. Casey,

This letter requests permission for a modification to the Work Plan¹ for investigation of sulfate in the vicinity of the Concentrator Tailing Storage Area of the Freeport-McMoRan Copper Queen Branch (CQB). The modification pertains to the proposed monitoring well location at Site 5 (Figure 1). Information on Site 5 is provided in Section 3.3.3, Table 7, and Figure 23 of the Work Plan.

CQB proposes to move Site 5 approximately 1,200 feet north of the location proposed in the Work Plan because of the decision to install two additional monitoring wells at a site along Greenbush Draw (Figure 1). As discussed in the Work Plan, two wells are planned for Site 5 with the objective of defining the lateral extent of sulfate. The requested change in location is to place Site 5 midway between the two wells installed at Site 6 and the two additional wells to be installed at Greenbush Draw. The proposed well array will provide additional monitoring information in the vicinity of the Arizona Water Company wellfield. The CQB is currently negotiating an access agreement with the land owner at both Site 5 and Greenbush Draw.

We respectfully request that you respond to this request by July 25, 2008 which is the earliest likely start date for drilling at Site 5 and Greenbush Draw. In the absence of a response by July 25, 2008, CQB will assume that ADEQ approves the Work Plan modification. Please do not

¹ Hydro Geo Chem, Inc. 2008. Revision 1 Work Plan to Characterize and Mitigate Sulfate with Respect to Drinking Water Supplies in the Vicinity of the Concentrator Tailing Storage Area, Cochise County, Arizona. July 3, 2008.

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hesitate to contact Mr. Stuart Brown at (503) 675-5252 or myself at (520) 432-6209 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Jaworski Site Manager

Copper Queen Branch

Attachment

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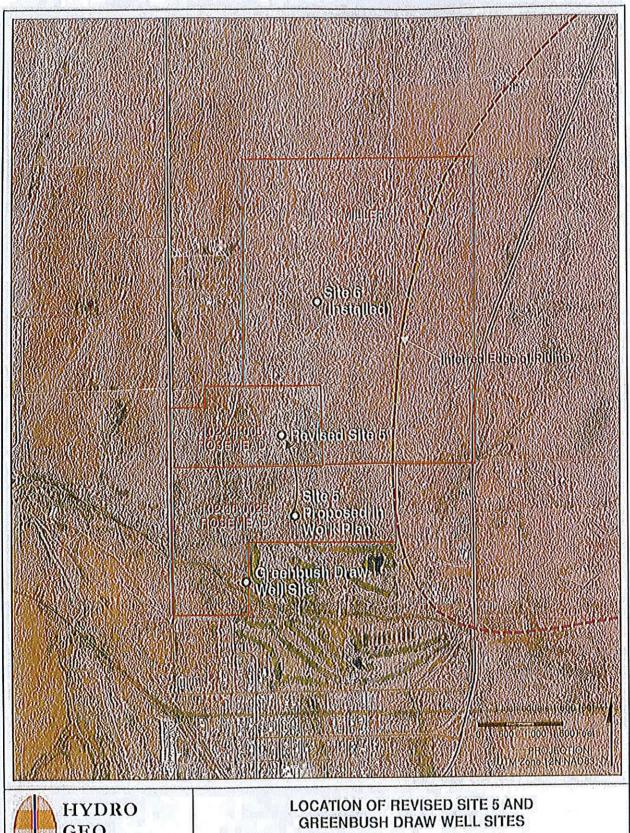
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ATTACHMENTS

FIGURES

Location of Revised Site 5 and Greenbush Draw Well Sites



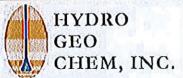


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