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May 28, 2010

Ms. Cynthia Campbell
Water Quality Compliance Section
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07
March 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010 Status Report

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the eighth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from March 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010, in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008, approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since March 1, 2010, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- On March 22, 2010, received comments from ADEQ on the April 29, 2009 Aquifer Characterization Report.
- On April 26, 2010, submitted the Groundwater Monitoring Report for first quarter 2010 prepared by Clear Creek Associates.
- On April 26, 2010, received response from ADEQ on the January 25, 2010, request to modify groundwater monitoring program.
- On May 17, 2010, submitted responses to ADEQ's April 26, 2010 groundwater monitoring program modification comments.
- On May 18, 2010, submitted responses to ADEQ's March 22, 2010, Aquifer Characterization Report comments.
- Completed second quarter groundwater monitoring.

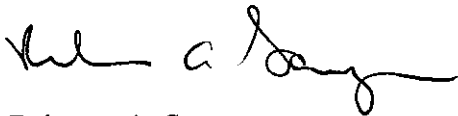
During the next quarter, the following activities will be conducted:

- Submit a schedule for the revised groundwater monitoring plan approved by ADEQ.
- Complete third quarter 2010 groundwater monitoring.

- Prepare report on second quarter 2010 groundwater monitoring.
- Submit work plan for additional characterization east of Black Gap Fault in response to ADEQ comments on the Aquifer Characterization Report.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report, please contact me or our project manager Stuart Brown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca A. Sawyer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rebecca A. Sawyer
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