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Ms. Mindi Cross
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**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07
December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015**

Dear Ms. Cross:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the twenty-seventh Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since December 1, 2014, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Submitted Fourth Quarter 2014, Mitigation Order Status Report dated December 2, 2014.
- Submitted Fourth Quarter 2014, quarterly groundwater monitoring report dated January 27, 2015.
- Completed first quarter 2015 groundwater monitoring except for measurement of a few water levels which will occur at the end of March.
- Continued the drilling program for the expanded groundwater monitoring program.
- Freeport held an Open House on December 12, 2014, which fulfilled the requirements of the fourth CAG meeting of 2014.
- Conducted pre-bid meeting, received bids from qualified drillers and selected drilling contractor for alternate water supply study wells.
- Conducted the first quarter 2015 CAG meeting on February 4, 2015.

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

- Submit the revised Mitigation Plan For Sulfate With Respect To Drinking Water Supplies.

- Submit the Field Work Plan For Monitoring Well Installation For Expanded Groundwater Monitoring.
- Conduct quarterly groundwater sampling on newly installed wells for the expanded groundwater monitoring network. All new wells are to be sampled for eight (8) continuous quarters.
- Finish drilling and construction of monitoring wells for the expanded groundwater monitoring program.
- Commence drilling and construction of test wells for alternative water supply.
- Submit the first Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report by March 31, 2015.
- Submit the first Annual Mitigation Performance Review Report by April 30, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report, please contact me at (520) 432-6206 or our project manager Stuart Brown at (602) 366-8303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S Hart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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