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Ms. Mindi Cross 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 June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

Dear Ms. Cross:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the twenty-ninth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since June 1, 2015, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Submitted the Results of Well Installation and Groundwater Monitoring Through the Second Quarter of 2015 for the Expanded Groundwater Monitoring Program Report dated August 19, 2015.
- Conducted 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.
- Conducted bi-annual groundwater sampling.
- Finished construction and testing of basin-fill test well for alternative water supply study.
- Commenced drilling and testing of borehole for bedrock test well for alternative water supply study. Well was completed as a nested piezometer due to encountering insufficient groundwater for a test well.

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

- 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.
- Conduct quarterly sampling at NWC-04.
- Schedule the annual CAG meeting.

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,

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