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Ms. Mindi Cross  
Water Quality Compliance Section  
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
1110 West Washington Street  
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**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07  
December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016**

Dear Ms. Cross:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the thirty-first 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, 2015 through February 29, 2016 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

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

- 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.
- Completed first quarter 2016 semi-annual monitoring and sampling and quarterly sampling at NWC-04 per Long Term Plume Monitoring schedule in the Mitigation Plan, except for measurement of a few water levels which will occur at the end of March.
- Submitted Exploration Drilling And Hydraulic Testing For Water Supply Study, dated February 5, 2016.

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.
- Submit the second Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report by March 31, 2016.
- Submit the second Annual Mitigation Performance Review Report by April 30, 2016.
- Schedule the annual CAG meeting for 2016.

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 that reads "William Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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