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September 19, 2016

Nirupma Bhatia 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, 2016 through August 31, 2016

Dear Nirupma:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the thirty-third 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, 2016 through August 31, 2016 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since June 1, 2016, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Conducted groundwater monitoring according to schedule for Long Term Plume Monitoring in the Mitigation Plan.
- Conducted the annual CAG meeting on June 16.
- Started work on the Conceptual Design and Critical Path Analysis Study due to ADEQ by July 1, 2017.

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

- Conduct fourth quarter groundwater monitoring and 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.
- Continue work on the Conceptual Design and Critical Path Analysis Study.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report, please contact me at (520) 393-2041 or our project manager Stuart Brown at (602) 366-8303.

Sincerely,

William Hart

Sr. Environmental Scientist

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch

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