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Ms. 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
September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

Dear Ms. Bhatia:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the thirty-fourth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

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

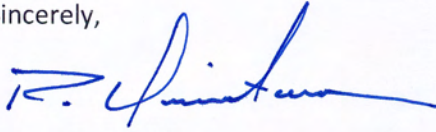
- Continued work on the Conceptual Design and Critical Path Analysis Study due to ADEQ by July 1, 2017.
- Conducted fourth quarter groundwater monitoring and quarterly groundwater sampling on newly installed wells for the expanded groundwater monitoring network. All new wells have now been sampled for a minimum of eight (8) continuous quarters.

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

- Conduct first quarter 2017 semiannual groundwater sampling and quarterly sampling at NWC-04 per Long Term Plume Monitoring schedule in the Mitigation Plan.
- 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) 432-6209 or our project manager Stuart Brown at (602) 366-8303.

Sincerely,



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