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February 28, 2023

Bret Esslin
Water Quality Division
Inspections and Compliance Unit
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**Re: December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07**

Dear Bret Esslin:

Freeport Minerals Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the fifty-ninth 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, 2022 through February 28, 2023 in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008 approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since December 1, 2022, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Conducted first quarter 2023 semiannual groundwater sampling and quarterly sampling at NWC-04 per Long Term Plume Monitoring schedule.

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

- Submit the ninth Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report by March 31, 2023.
- Conduct second quarter 2023 groundwater monitoring.

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If you have any questions regarding this Status Report, please contact me at (520) 432-6206 or our project manager Dave Gosen at (602) 366-7312.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Alday", written over a diagonal line.

Fernando Alday
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cc: Ethan Leiter/ADEQ
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