

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company P.O. Box 10 Bayard, NM 88023

June 11, 2025

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Mr. Jonas Armstrong, Director New Mexico Environment Department Water Protection Division P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

## Re: Request for Extension for Response to NMED Comments on the Draft Feasibility Study for the Lampbright Investigation Unit, Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) requests an extension of an additional 45 days for the submittal of the revised *Lampbright Investigation Unit (LIU) Feasibility Study* (FS) as per Article XIV, Section A of the Chino AOC. This time extension would require Chino to provide a revised FS by July 30, 2025, instead of June 16, 2025. Chino requires additional time to revise the *LIU Draft FS* dated November 5, 2024, in response to comments provided by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a letter dated May 16, 2025. Additionally, Chino will also provide responses to NMED comments with the revised FS.

Please contact Ms. Pam Pinson at (575) 912-5213 if you have any questions regarding this extension request. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager Environmental Services

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