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December 13, 2013

**Via Certified Mail # 7011 1150 0000 0283 8119**  
**Return Receipt Requested**

Ms. Marcia Colquitt  
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Quality Compliance Section  
1110 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2935

**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent Docket**  
**No. P-50-06 Extraction Well System Start-Up Schedule**

Dear Ms. Colquitt:

Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. (Sierrita) has completed construction of the groundwater mitigation well field as outlined in the mitigation plan dated November 27, 2012. The groundwater wells and conveyance system have been constructed, tested and are ready for system start-up. The system is tentatively schedule to be started on December 16, 2013.

Sierrita plans to keep the system operating until December 20, 2013 when it will be turned off and will be restarted on January 6, 2014. The reason for this two week shutdown is that during the holidays, from late December to early January, a large number of Sierrita employees take personal-time-off leaving minimal manpower in support roles. Sierrita wants to ensure it has sufficient manpower, including for the purpose of emergency response, should a problem occur with the new system, which may not be available during this holiday period. Going forward, it will not be necessary to continue this holiday shutdown as our crews will be familiar with this new system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 393-2252 or Martha Mottley at (520) 393-2696 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kanyembo Katapa  
Environmental Engineer  
Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc.

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