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Attn: Mr. Ron Linton, Project Manager

RE: Homestake Mining Company of California  
- **License SUA-1471 Docket 40-8903**  
**Grants Reclamation Project**  
**Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Revision**

Dear Mr. Linton:

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of Homestake Mining Company of California's (HMCo) revised Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Grants Reclamation Project. As you will recall, a commitment was made to file a CAP revision for the project earlier this year in conversations with P. Michelak of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. This commitment was subsequently included as a License Condition within the current project SUA-1471 Radioactive Materials License (LC-35.B.) which specifies that HMCo would file the CAP revision by the end of 2006.

As you are aware, we also have a proposal filed with NRC regarding construction of a 3<sup>rd</sup> evaporation Pond that is needed to assure that evaporative capabilities at the site are adequate to complete timely closure of the Grants site. Current planning and timing for commencement of construction of the proposed pond call for initiation of ground work as early in Spring, 2007 as weather conditions allow. As a consequence of the anticipated timing, we would like to request that earliest priority be given to evaluation of the pond proposal and that consideration and discussion on the CAP revision be deferred until after the evaporation pond and the attendant amendment of the project NRC License is completed.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter. If you or any members of the NRC staff have any questions, or require additional information at this time, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at (505) 287-4456 ext. 25 or via cell phone at (505) 400-2794. I can also be reached via e-mail at [acox@barrick.com](mailto:acox@barrick.com).

Sincerely yours,

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