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CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 27, 2014

Jesse Toepfer, Closure Manager Homestake Mining Company of California P.O. Box 98 Grants, NM 87020

RE: <u>Homestake Mining Company of California/Discharge Permit DP-725</u>— Discharge Permit termination

Dear Mr. Toepfer:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) renewed and modified Discharge Permit DP-725 on April 12, 2010 and subsequently amended this permit on October 27, 2010. The permit regulated operation of Homestake Mining Company of California's (HMC's) ponds that are associated with ongoing reclamation activities, which are being conducted under the jurisdiction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The subject permit authorized HMC to discharge up to 1,166,000 gallons per day of contaminated water to then-five existing ponds, and one then-proposed pond. HMC's facility is located approximately five miles north of the city of Milan, in sections 23 and 26, Township 12 North, Range 10 West, in Cibola County, New Mexico.

On September 18, 2014, NMED issued to HMC a renewal and modification of Discharge Permit DP-200. The modification of DP-200 subsumed the conditions and requirements of DP-725. Therefore NMED herein terminates DP-725.

Please contact David L. Mayerson at (505) 476-3777 or david.mayerson@state.nm.us if you have any questions on this letter.

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Sincerely,

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