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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre  
Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety  
& Security, Room 33200 HST  
Bureau of International Security  
& Nonproliferation  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
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Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application (XSOU8844), dated June 28, 2017, received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), from Southern Ionics Minerals, LLC. The application requests the export of 41,392 kilograms (kg) of natural uranium and 271,829 kg of natural thorium for non-nuclear end uses in China.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the requested export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Habighorst".

Peter J. Habighorst, Chief  
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Enclosure:  
Export License Application, XSOU8844

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