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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety
& Security, Room 3320 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 (XSOU8707/06), dated October 19, 2017, received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from MP Mine Operations LLC. This license currently authorizes the export of thorium and uranium concentrates contained as contaminants in rare earth compounds and mixtures, for non-nuclear commercial uses only. Destination countries include Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Vietnam, and the European Union.

The purpose of the amendment is to: 1) change the name of the company from Molycorp Minerals LLC to MP Mine Operations LLC; 2) update the contact person on the license; and 3) update the address on the license. Please note that this applicant has also requested a transfer of control, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 110 and Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act.

As a matter of process, and in accordance with 10 CFR 110.82, the revised applications will be made public for 30 days before the NRC takes any action on them. If the NRC decides to provide consent for the proposed transfer of control, the NRC will issue an Order signed by the OIP Office Director providing the consent and will issue the conforming amendments.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Habighorst, Chief

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Enclosure:

Export License Application

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