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Homestake Mining Company
ATTN: Mr. A. S. Winters
1726 Cole Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Winters:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 13, 1990, concerning the potential sale of mining properties which include the McKinley County ion exchange (IX) facility to Quivira Mining Company (QMC). The IX facility is currently included in Source Material License SUA-1471 for Homestake's Milan Mill.

We have no objection to the potential transfer of responsibility for the IX facility from the Homestake license to Source Material License SUA-1473 for QMC's Ambrosia Lake Mill, provided that all regulatory obligations are included in the transfer. This includes the assumption of responsibility for existing programs concerning the IX facility which are currently included in the Homestake license, as well as decommissioning activities. An application to accomplish the transfer should include a commitment by QMC to assume total responsibility for the facility.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Ramon E. Hall
Director

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