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**Re: Financial Assurance Update and Notice of Confidential Commercial Information in
Financial Documents Submitted Pursuant to Western Nuclear, Inc.'s Split Rock
Facility located in Jeffery City, Wyoming – NRC License # SUA-56**

Dear Mr. Orlando,

Western Nuclear, Inc. ("WNI") hereby submits the financial information required by the above-referenced license to demonstrate financial assurance for its Split Rock Facility to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"). Specifically, I have enclosed the following documents and information:

1. Letter from the Chief Financial Officer of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("FCX"), WNI's parent, and Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Fiscal year ended December 31, 2013) which includes a copy of an independent certified public accountant's report on page 136;
2. Financial Assurance Worksheet (Exhibit A);
3. Total U.S. Assets Schedule, which includes commercially sensitive information submitted under 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 (Attachment A); and
4. A report from FCX's independent certified public accountant comparing the data used by the parent company in the financial test to the requirements of 10 C.F.R. Chapter I, Part 30, Appendix A.II.A.2.

Pursuant to Section 1314 of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. § 2167), the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), and the rules and regulations promulgated by the NRC (10 C.F.R. § 2.390), FCX hereby designates the enclosed Total U.S. Assets Schedule as confidential commercial information. The Total U.S. Assets Schedule qualifies as confidential commercial information for the reasons set forth in the enclosed affidavit. Accordingly, the document and information should be treated as confidential by the NRC.

Pursuant to the above-referenced authorities, the NRC should maintain the enclosed Total U.S. Assets Schedule as confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and other public records or disclosure laws. If a request is made for public review of the document or information, the NRC must notify FCX and provide FCX with a reasonable opportunity to substantiate its claim that the information is confidential.

I appreciate the NRC's consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 602-366-8458.

Sincerely,


Jerry Roose

Enclosures