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Mr. Mukonde Chama, P.E.  
Permitting Supervisor Air Program  
Pima County Department of Environmental Quality  
33 North Stone Avenue, Suite 700  
Tucson, Arizona 85701-1429

**Subject:** Oracle Ridge Mining, LLC, Class II Air Quality Permit Application

Dear Mr. Chama:

Oracle Ridge Mining, LLC (ORM) is pleased to submit the subject Class II Air Quality Permit Application for review. The application includes a completed checklist to assist in the determination of administrative completeness. This is an existing copper mine whereby ORM will resume production, subsequent to securing the required environmental permits and constructing the necessary facilities to support mining operations.

ORM has taken a number of steps to minimize air quality environmental impact. These include design changes to reduce the number of ore transfer points and drop points through the use of innovative conveyor technology and increased ore moisture content to reduce emissions of particulate matter. The later has an additional economic benefit as more fine grained ore is retained for processing rather than being emitted into the atmosphere.

ORM has contracted with Tetra Tech for services required to prepare the application and secure the Class II Air Quality Permit. The technical contact for this application is denoted in the enclosed standard permit application forms. ORM looks forward to cordial working relationship with Pima County Air Quality culminating in the issuance of an air quality permit for the mine.

Regards,

Victor Rozon  
Vice President of Operations  
Oracle Ridge Mining, LLC

Cc: Thomas J. Sheber, P.E. (Tetra Tech)  
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