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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Cruces Field Office, is reviewing a Mine Plan of Operation and Closure/Closeout Plan submitted by Phelps Dodge Tyrone Inc. for the proposed Copper Mountain South Pit Expansion Project, located approximately 10 miles south of Silver City, New Mexico. A map showing the general location of the mine is included in the enclosed scoping packet. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared by the BLM to analyze the potential impacts related to the mine plan.

The purpose of the enclosed scoping packet is to give you information regarding the project, and an early opportunity to comment on the proposed project and participate in the development of the EA. Comments on this proposal must be received by September 21, 2004. A comment form is enclosed with the scoping packet.

In addition to this scoping packet, a project website is available at <http://www.nm.blm.gov> that contains general project information. The Mine Plan and Closure/Closeout Plan is also available for public review at the Las Cruces Field Office.

We look forward to your comments. If you need additional information, or if you have questions concerning the project, please contact Walter "Buzz" Todd at (505) 525-4351.

Sincerely,

Edwin L. Roberson  
Field Manager

1 Enclosure

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