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Ms. Victoria Wilkins
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RE: Anaconda Copper Mine Site - Borrow Pit Exploration Project
Lyon County, Nevada

Dear Ms. Wilkins:

On behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Broadbent and Associates, Inc. (Broadbent) is pleased to submit this letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District Office, Sierra Front Field Office (SFFO) with a descriptio n of proposed borrow pit exploration activities (Project) related to the Anaconda Copper Mine Site located in Lyon County, Nevada. The Project is located in portions of Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 and 20 all within Township 13 North, Range 25 East and is further detailed in the attached Figure 1.

Exploration activities are proposed to commence in early August of 2017 . The proposed exploration activities will include a maximum of thirty-nine (39) sampling locations in order to obtain gross d ata on the material properties. These sample locations are all located on public land administered by the BLM SFFO (Figure 1) and are within close proximity to existing unpaved service roads to minimize land disturbance.

Each sample location is proposed to be 55 feet x 55 feet. Within each location, there will be a single test pit dug to approximately 12 feet below ground surface (bgs). The total area of potential disturbance associated with the 39 test pits will be less than 2.7 acres. In addition, a maximum of 500 linear feet of 15 feet wide (0.17 acres) roadway disturbance is anticipated to access a few of the locations slightly off existing roads . These roadways will not be graded, but will be travelled on by rubber -tired equipment. Total proposed potential disturbance will not exceed 3.5 acres.

Figure 1 depicts the existing area of cultural inventory in the vicinity of the proposed exploration based on data extracted from the Nevada Cultural Resource Information System (NVCRIS) . As shown, the proposed sampling locations a re on land which has already been the subject of cultural surveys. No historic propert ies except for an abandoned railroad grade were noted

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during these past surveys . Sample locations are placed approximately one mile north o f the railroad grade area.

A rubber tire backhoe will be used to excavate the test pit s . No personnel will be allowed to enter the excavations. Material will be brought to the surface via the excavator bucket to collect samples. Five to ten 5 -gallon soil samples will be collected for analysis from each test pit . All remaining material will be returned to the pits and recompacted to match the pre -excavation contour prior to demobilizing the equipment. Open test pits will not be left unattended unless they are secured via chain link fencing, plating, or equivalent.

The proposed exploratory sites are accessible by the existing service roads. Equipment and supplies will be mainly staged on private property within the Anaconda Copper Mine Site. However, during excavation and sampling operations, some equipment and materials will be staged at sampling location s, including the backhoe and miscellaneous tools required for sampling. Water will be hauled to each location in a water truck when required for dust control.

If you have any questions or require additional information, pleasefeel free tocontact me at 702-563-0600.

Sincerely,
Broadbent and Associates, Inc.

Lonnie C. Roy, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachment: Figure 1 – Anaconda Copper Mine Site Cultural Resources Inventory and Proposed Test Pit Location Map