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1278-FOIA (640)
FOIA# 2019-00938
1:19-CV-01857

Austin R. Evers
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, dated March 5, 2019 and April 23, 2019 and assigned tracking numbers 2019-00938 and 2019-00952. In your letter, you asked for the following:

All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations or entries, and any handwritten or typed notes from meetings) between the custodians listed below and the following individuals and entities:

a. Any employee or representative of Antofagasta PLC, including anyone with an email address ending in antofagasta.co.uk;
b. Andronico Luksic, and anyone acting on his behalf such as a chief of staff, scheduler, or assistant;
c. Ivan Arriagada, and anyone acting on his behalf such as a chief of staff, scheduler, or assistant;
d. Any employee or representative of Twin Metals Minnesota (TMM), including anyone with an email address ending in twin-metals.com;
e. Robert Lehman (including but not limited to the email address rob.lehman@wilmerhale.com); and/or
f. Timothy Martin (including but not limited to the email address timothy.martin@wilmerhale.com).

All communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations or entries, and any handwritten or typed notes from meetings) between the custodians listed below and the following individuals and entities, regarding the mining leases of Twin Metals in Minnesota:

a. Representative Tom Emmer, and anyone acting on his behalf or serving on his

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staff, including but not limited to Christopher Maneval (Christopher.Maneval@mail.house.gov), David Fitzsimmons (David.fitzsimmons@mail.house.gov), Alyssa Anderson (alyssa.anderson@mail.house.gov), Landon Zinda (landon.zinda@mail.house.gov), and Catherine Lenz (Catherine.lenz@mail.house.gov).

b. Representative Paul Gosar, and anyone acting on his behalf or serving on his staff, including but not limited to Thomas Van Flein (tom.vanflein@mail.house.gov), Leslie Foti (leslie.foti@mail.house.gov), Rory Burke (rory.burke@mail.house.gov), and Jeff Small (jeff.small@mail.house.gov).

While we are still reviewing documents for responsiveness, we reviewed 378 pages and out of these, 4 pages were found to be responsive. We are providing via email a PDF file consisting of 4 pages, which is being released in full.

Keiosha Alexander, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) FOIA Officer, is responsible for this release.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Sheriff Oladepo, BLM WO FOIA Specialist, at (202) 912-7650 or via email at BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

KEIOSHA ALEXANDER
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For Ryan Witt, Acting Chief
Division of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

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From:	Hanna, Sabry
To:	kbaker@twin-metals.com
Cc:	Mary (Kathy) Gunderman; Elena Fink; Dean Gettinger; Maritza (Andrea) Reilly; Francis Piccoli; Mitchell Leverette
Subject:	Twin Metals PRLA
Date:	Monday, August 13, 2018 12:18:57 PM

Dear Kevin,

This email is to acknowledge that I did receive the electronic copies of the two Preference Right Lease Applications for Twin Metals Minnesota. I will let you know if we need more information.

Best,

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From: Bob McFarlin
To: mleveret@blm.gov
Subject: Twin Metals Statement
Date: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:22:55 PM
Attachments: Twin Metals Statement on DOI Action 12-22-17.docx

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Mitch,

As we discussed, see attached.

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Twin Metals Minnesota Statement on Action by Interior Department to Reaffirm Renewal Rights for Federal Mineral Leases in Northeast Minnesota

Company Dismisses Federal Lawsuit Challenging Earlier Legal Opinion

ST. PAUL, Minn., December 22, 2017 – Twin Metals Minnesota issued the following statement in response to today's action by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) to reaffirm Twin Metals' right to renewal of two federal mineral leases held in Northeast Minnesota for more than 50 years. The DOI action withdraws and replaces a March 2016 DOI legal opinion that served as the basis for the December 2016 action by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to deny the renewal of the two Twin Metals leases. Twin Metals' federal leases are important components of the underground mine project proposal the company is preparing for submittal to state and federal agencies for extensive review through an Environmental Impact Statement.

> **"Twin Metals is pleased with today's action by the U.S. Department of the Interior to reaffirm Twin Metals' right to renewal of federal mineral leases held in Northeast Minnesota for more than 50 years. The decision is an important first step to ensure the certainty of investments in U.S. mining projects and to reaffirm long-standing property rights and the rule of law. The DOI's new legal position also paves the way for federal agencies to reverse previous actions denying renewal of Twin Metals' federal leases. In response to the DOI's action, Twin Metals today dismissed its federal lawsuit challenging the Department's previous legal opinion and denial of lease renewal. Twin Metals looks forward to working with the agencies through the proper process of renewing the company's leases.**"

Twin Metals' federal mineral leases were first issued by the federal government in 1966 with a right of unlimited, successive 10-year renewals. The leases were renewed by BLM and USFS without controversy in 1989 and again in 2004. Twin Metals filed for the third renewal of the leases in late 2012. The legal opinion issued by the DOI in March 2016 served as the foundation for the government denying the company's lease renewal application. Twin Metals filed a federal lawsuit challenging the DOI's legal opinion in September 2016.

Twin Metals has invested more than $400 million to date in acquisition, exploration, technical, environmental, and other project development activities. The Twin Metals project will meet all state and federal environmental standards, provide hundreds of jobs for generations of Minnesotans, and result in billions of dollars of environmentally-responsible economic growth in the region.

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About Twin Metals Minnesota: Twin Metals Minnesota is a Minnesota company focused on developing and operating an underground copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, gold and silver mining project (TMM Project) in the Iron Range region of Northeast Minnesota. Twin Metals is owned by Antofagasta plc, one of the top ten copper producers in the world.

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Cc: jbrune@blm.gov; ymackthompson@blm.gov; rjefferson@blm.gov
Subject: Updated invitation: Ext. Mtg. w/ Twin Metals @ Fri Dec 15, 2017 2pm - 2:30pm (mleveret@blm.gov)
Attachments: invite.ics

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Changed: Ext. Mtg. w/ Twin Metals
Changed: Anne Williamson, Twin Metals VP of Environment and Sustainability
Bob McFarlin, Government Affairs Advisor
On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 12:45 PM, Bob McFarlin wrote:
Hi Kathy,

I hope this finds you well. Wondering if you would be available for a short visit this Friday (12/15). I am coming to DC for a quick meeting with USFS Chief Tooke and would love to touch base. I will be traveling with Twin Metals' VP of Environment and Sustainability, Anne Williamson, who you met in Minnesota this past summer. Might you be available after noon on Friday? Also wondering if Mitch Leverette might also be available. (I don't have his direct e-mail.) Thanks for your consideration.

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