

May 13, 2013

State of New Mexico
State Board of Finance
181 Bataan Memorial Building
131 South Capital Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Attention: Ms. Stephanie Schardin-Clarke, Director

Re: *US\$220,000,000 State of New Mexico, Severance Tax Bonds, Series 2013A, dated: Date of delivery, due: July 01, 2023*

Dear Ms. Schardin-Clarke:

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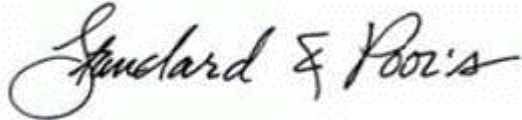
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