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Travis Marshall
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Grand Junction Field Office
101 S. Third St, Room 301
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

RE: Request for Extension of JD-9 Decision Date

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") is requesting an extension of the decision due date for the JD-9 Mine Permit Amendment (AM1), Permit No. M-1977-306, until February 21, 2014. This should allow Cotter and the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety sufficient time to review the drainage design plan and respond to any comments associated with this mine permit amendment.

If you have further questions regarding this request, please call me at Cotter's Nucla office, 970-864-7347.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams

Vice President, Mining Operations