STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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December 16, 2013

Jim Kiger Oxbow Mining, LLC P.O. Box 535 3737 Highway 133 Somerset, CO 81434

John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda Director

Re: Permit Issuance Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6) Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)

Dear Mr. Kiger:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision to Approve Permit Renewal No. 6 at the Elk Creek Mine became final on December 16, 2013. Notice of the proposed decision was published in the *Delta County Independent* on November 13, 2013, initiating the thirty (30) day public comment period for the Division's decision. No comments were received during the comment period.

Enclosed you will find two signed Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Mining Permit documents. An authorized representative of Oxbow Mining, LLC needs to sign both documents and have them notarized. One must be returned to the Division at the above address; the other must be kept on file at the mine office.

Please be aware that issuance of the permit renewal will initiate time frames of any enclosed stipulations to the permit. Stipulations are enclosed in a rider to the permit, if any were imposed upon the permit. All other enclosed commitments are also in effect as of the permit issuance.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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