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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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February 27, 2014

Glenn Williams Cotter Corporation P.O. Box 700 Nucla, CO 81424 John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

Loretta Piñeda Director

RE: Mineral Joe Mine, Permit No. M-1977-284, Drainage Design Plan Review Time Extension.

Dear Mr. Williams,

On February 20, 2014 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division), Cotter Corporation (Cotter) and Whetstone Associates met to discuss outstanding stormwater and drainage design issues. The amendment application was approved on December 5, 2013 with the stipulation that the approval of the final configurations of the engineered Drainage Design Plan submitted with the Environmental Protection Plan must be completed no later than March 3, 2014. The stipulation required the operator to submit a technical revision to address the issues if the drainage design was not approved by March 3, 2013. Based on the time constraints that were disclosed at the February 20, 2014 meeting the Division will allow an extension of the March 3, 2014 deadline until April 1, 2014 to allow time to approve the final configurations of the Drainage Design Plan. If the outstanding issues are not resolved by April 1, 2014 the operator shall submit the final designs for consideration as a Technical Revision with the appropriate fee of \$1,006.00 within 30 days.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, or by telephone no. (970) 242-5025.

Sincerely,

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