

October 20, 2014

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Attention: Bob Oswald Durango Field Office 691 County Road 233, Room A-2 Durango, CO 81301



Re: Extension Request for Response to Bulldog Mine Operation, Permit No. M-1977-215, Amendment AM-02, Technical Adequacy Review Letter

Dear Bob,

Rio Grande Silver (RGS) received the Bulldog Mine Operation, Permit No. M-1977-215, Amendment AM-02, Technical Adequacy Review Letter on Friday October 17, 2014. The decision date to submit the required response material is October 24, 2014 and after reviewing the technical adequacy review letter more time is needed to prepare the necessary response material that is required. Therefore RGS is requesting an extension of 37 days until December 1, 2014 for the new decision date.

Please call or email if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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