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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety  
Ms. Amy Eschberger  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION  
MINING AND SAFETY

Re: M-1984-076 DDD Mine, Elbert County, Colorado  
Corrective Action Extension request

Dear Ms. Eschberger:

General Shale Brick, Inc. (GSB) has received your inspection report dated October 15, 2014 for the DDD Mine. The inspection report requests that we bring the site into compliance with Colorado groundwater rules by filing for a well permit from the State Engineer Office (SEO) or backfill the mine. There is water in the east and west mines that have been there for several years.

GSB plans to do the following work:

1. Obtain a discharge permit for both the west and east mines from the Colorado Department of Health (CDPHE). In order to obtain a CDPHE permit, lab analysis for specific parameters is required. Therefore, the water will have to be sampled and analyzed. The sampling and CDPHE permit will take a minimum of 6 weeks to obtain.
2. Once the CDPHE permit is obtained, the mines will be dewatered sometime in late March or April when there is less of a chance of freezing weather. The mines have to be dewatered to determine if there is a groundwater component.
3. Concurrently with the pumping, a stormwater pond will be constructed for the eastern mine's stockpile pad area. Also, any berms and additional ponds necessary will be constructed for both the east and west mines.
4. After the mines are dewatered, the mines will have to sit for a period of time to determine if there is a ground water component. If there is a groundwater component, then the mine(s) will have to be backfilled.

GSB is requesting an extension of the due date of December 15, 2014. We plan to have the work listed above submitted by May 29, 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 303-783-3058 or by email at [jason.mcgraw@generalshale.com](mailto:jason.mcgraw@generalshale.com).

Sincerely,  
General Shale Brick, Inc.

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Mine Supervisor