

September 29, 2017

Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Attention: Mr. Peter S. Hays

Subject: Hogback Mine, Permit No. M-1980-245 Corrective Action Extension Request

Dear Mr. Hays:

General Shale Brick, Inc. is in receipt of your inspection report dated July 28, 2017.

The inspection report requested surveying and staking boundary markers around the affected area due by September 27, 2017. In addition, the Division would like General Shale to provide an aerial map to show the location of the open stopes at the south end of the mine in relation to the permit boundary. The permit boundary has been staked on all four sides.

I inspected the survey markers on September 21, 2017. The east line and north lines are well marked. The south line location is difficult to see due to the large changes in topography. I have asked the surveyors to place one additional marker on top of the Hogback Ridge along the south line to determine the location of the line. The west line is difficult to see with the large amount of trees and hilly terrain. I have asked the surveyors to place more points along the west line. General shale respectfully requests an extension to October 13, 2017 in order to provide an aerial photo of the location and conduct the infill work on the permit boundary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-783-3058 or by e-mail at jason.mcgraw@generalshale.com.

Respectfully,

GENERAL SHALE BRICK, INC.

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Jason E. McGraw, P.E. Mine Supervisor