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RE: Notice of Hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board for Consideration of Notices of Second Period of Temporary Cessation for: JD-9 Mine, Permit No. M-1977-306; JD-6 Mine, Permit No. M-1977-310; Mineral Joe Claims, Permit No. M-1977-284; SR-11 Mine, Permit No. M-1977-451; SM-18 Mine, Permit No. M-1978-116; JD-7 Mine, Permit No. M-1979-094HR; SR-13A Mine, Permit No. M-1977-311; C-LP-21 Mine, Permit No. M-1977-305; CM-25 Mine, Permit No. M-1977-307; JD-8 Mine, Permit No. M-1984-014.

Hearing Date: November 13, 2019

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Tuchman,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received from Cotter Corporation, in 2017, written notices seeking a second period of Temporary Cessation (TC) ("Notices") for the above listed mines. In addition, notice seeking a second period of TC for the JD-8 Mine was submitted in 2019, and by agreement of



the Parties, was consolidated with the pending Notices. By Mined Land Reclamation Board Order dated April 9, 2018, consideration of the Notices was continued pending final resolution of the Federal Injunction. Consideration of the Notices were further continued by the Board until the Colorado Court of Appeals issued its final decision in *Information Network for Responsible Mining (INFORM)*, *Sheep Mountain Alliance, Earthworks v. Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board*, 2018CA1148.

As of the date of this notice of hearing, the Federal injunction has been lifted and the Order and final mandate in case 2018CA1148 has been issued.

Therefore, Board consideration of the pending Notices for a second period of temporary cessation for the above listed mines will be set for hearing on November 13, 2019. This letter serves as your formal notice of hearing.

If any Party wishes to seek further continuance or extension of this hearing date, based on good cause, a formal written request may be served on the Board through Camille Mojar at <u>camille.mojar@state.co.us</u>, and the Board's Attorney, Chuck Kooyman at <u>Charles.Koyman@coag.gov</u>. Any motions shall also be provided to all parties and the Division.

Sincerely,

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Minerals Program Director Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

CC:

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