



December 20, 2012

Mr. Dustin Czapla
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RE: Request for Extension of LP-21 Due Date for Response to INFORM Letter

Dear Mr. Czapla:

Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") requests an extension of the due date to respond to the letter from INFORM, dated December 5, 2012, relating to the LP-21 Mine. Pursuant to a December 5, 2012 letter from you, the due date is now January 4, 2013, and Cotter is requesting an extension until February 4, 2013. The extension will allow more time to prepare the response, which is needed due to the holiday season.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams
Vice President, Mining Operations

cc: Russ Means, DRMS