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December 19, 2012

Ms. Stephanie Reigh
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Grand Junction Field Office
101 S. Third St, Room 301
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

RE: Request for Extension of Mineral Joe Due Date for Response to Adequacy Review

Dear Ms. Reigh:

Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") requests an extension of the due date for the Mineral Joe Mine response to the adequacy review. Pursuant to the December 17, 2012 letter from you, the due date is now January 4, 2013, and Cotter is requesting an extension until February 4, 2013. Cotter previously requested an extension of the decision due date from January 11, 2013 until February 11, 2013. The extension will allow more time to prepare the response, which is needed due to the holiday season.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glen Williams".

Glen Williams
Vice President, Mining Operations

cc: Russ Means, DRMS