

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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July 10, 2013

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Bulldog Mine, Permit M-1977-215, Designated Mining Operation (DMO) Permit  
Amendment Required, Submittal Deadline Date Determined**

Dear Mr. McClure,

This office has received your letter dated June 20, 2013, which communicates Rio Grande Silver, Inc.'s acceptance of the Division's determination that the Bulldog Mine is a Designated Mining Operation (DMO), and that an amendment which includes an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) is therefore required.

The EPP shall include the components listed in your letter and accepted by the Division. The EPP must meet the requirements listed in Hard Rock Rule 6.4.21, Exhibit U. The EPP must be filed with the Division in the form of an amendment to the permit. Permit amendments are processed the same as a new application and require the same various forms of notice to the public and other agencies. This office will assist you on said notices, if needed.

The Hard Rock and Metal Rules define the Bulldog Mine DMO permit to be a "112d-2" permit, since it affects less than 100 acres and extracts less than 5,000,000 tons per year. The amendment fee for the 112d-2 amendment is \$4,025 (see Rule 1.5.4(3)).

The required timeframe for filing an EPP amendment is 180 days. You have requested an additional period of up to one year to submit the EPP, per Rule 7.2.3(2)(c). The Division accepts and approves your request as it will take additional time to prepare the EPP given its location and complexity. The deadline date for the submittal of the Bulldog Mine EPP amendment is set for May 24, 2014.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301; telephone 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,

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