

July 3, 2013

Bob Oswald Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 691 CR 233 Suite A-2 Durango, CO \$1301



RE: NOI P-2008-037, San Juan Silver Project Request for Withdrawal of Modification MD-1

Dear Mr. Oswald,

Thank you for your letter dated May 23, 2013 approving MD-1 for NO1 P-2008-037. The scope of Rio Grande Silver's (RGS) work has recently changed and we no longer foresee the need to utilize previously reclaimed drill pad BD-4. It is our understanding that the bond for this modification has not yet been posted. If this is the case, RGS would like to withdrawal our request for MD-1 to NOI P-2008-037.

Please call me at 719-658-1080 ext. 2701 if you have questions or comments.

Best Regards,

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