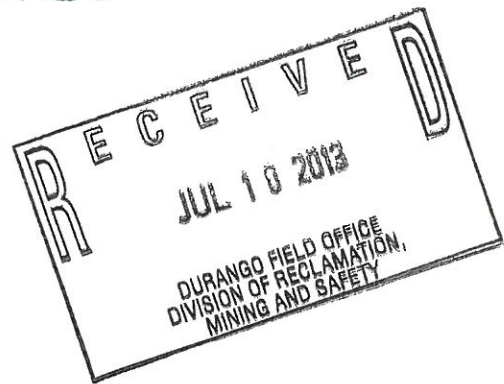




RIO GRANDE
SILVER, INC.



July 10, 2013

Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Durango Field Office
691 CR 233, Suite A-2
Durango, CO 81301

Am-1

Re: 30 day extension request for the Amendment to the existing Bulldog Mine
Operations Permit, M-1977-215.

Bob,

Due to recent changes to the Bulldog 112 Permit amendment AM-1, Rio Grande
Silver is requesting a 30 day extension from July 10 for the decision date.

We appreciate your assistance in processing this Amendment.

Thank you,

Randy McClure

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