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Dustin Czapla 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 JD-7 Decision Date and Response to Adequacy Review 2 Date

Dear Mr. Czapla:

Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") is currently preparing a response to the second adequacy review received from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety for the JD-7 Mine Permit Amendment, Permit No. M-1979-094HR. Cotter is requesting an extension of the decision due date for the JD-7 Mine Permit Amendment (AM1) from July 22, 2013 until August 15, 2013. Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") is requesting an extension of the due date for the Response to Adequacy Review 2 from July 1, 2013 until August 1, 2013. This should allow Cotter's consultant sufficient time to prepare an appropriate response to the drainage design comments associated with this mine permit.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams

Vice President, Mining Operations