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Travis Marshall Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Grand Junction Field Office 101 S. Third St, Suite 301 Grand Junction, Colorado 81501 GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE DIVISION OF RECLAMATIONIMINING & SAFETY

Re: Request for Extension of Decision Date for SM-18 Mine Amendment, Permit No. M-1978-116

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) ("Cotter") is requesting an extension of the decision date for the SM-18 Mine Amendment, from July 15, 2013 until July 31, 2013. Cotter is requesting this extension of the decision date to provide time for a more complete review of the latest response to adequacy review.

If you have further questions regarding this request, please call me at Cotter's Nucla office, 970-864-7347.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams Vice President, Mining Operations

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