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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
Grand Junction Field Office
101 S. Third St, Suite 301
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

GRAND JUNG ING IN THELD OFFICE DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING & 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 31, 2013 until August 13, 2013. Cotter is requesting this extension of the decision date to provide DRMS 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.

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Respectfully,

Glen Williams

Vice President, Mining Operations