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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 August 30, 2013 until September 17, 2013. Cotter is requesting an extension of the due date for the Response to Adequacy Review 2 from August 16, 2013 until August 30, 2013. This should allow Cotter's consultant sufficient time to prepare an appropriate response to the drainage design comments associated with this mine permit.

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