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**Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Submit a Permit Revision Application Including a Revised Closeout/Closure Plan for Mining Act Permit No. CI002RE and Additional Information for Discharge Permit 61 (DP-61) Renewal and Modification, Rio Grande Resources Corporation, Mt. Taylor Mine**

Dear Mr. Holland and Mr. Fox,

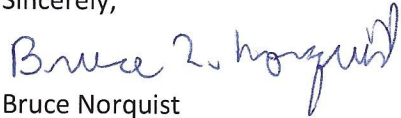
In a letter dated October 15, 2021, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Mining and Mineral Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Mining Environmental Compliance Section (MECS) requested that Rio Grande Resources Corporation (RGR) accelerate submittal of the application for revision of Permit No. CI002RE for the Mt. Taylor Mine, including an updated Closeout/Closure Plan (CCP) which is currently due December 29, 2022. In the letter, MMD and NMED requested the accelerated application due date to be April 13, 2022.

Rio Grande Resources Corp. (RGR) is requesting a 60-day extension of time for submitting the application for revision of Permit No. CI002RE and included revised CCP. The due date with extension would be June 10, 2022.

The reason for this request is that RGR's lead consultant writing the application and CCP is facing a dire family medical situation. The consultant has given assurances that he will work diligently to complete the application by the current due date but cannot guarantee continued involvement should the situation become more critical. If that occurs, RGR will need extra time to complete the submission. Currently, a draft document and accompanying drawings and figures have been prepared and are in review.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 287-7971 or by email at [bruce.norquist@ga.com](mailto:bruce.norquist@ga.com).

Sincerely,



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