

Rio Algom Mining LLC

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**RE: Request for Extension for Submittal of Closure/Closeout Plan,
Old Stope Leach Permit MK009RE**

Dear Mr. Shepard and Mr. Vollbrecht:

Rio Algom Mining LLC (RAML) respectfully requests a 90-day extension for submittal of the Closure/Closeout Plan (CCP) for the Ambrosia Lake Old Stope Leach Permit, MK009RE. We are submitting this request in response to a letter dated February 13, 2018, in which the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) required that RAML submit a CCP within 180 days of that date. The extension will provide RAML, MMD, and NMED time to coordinate with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding their planned actions within the San Mateo Creek Basin, which includes the Ambrosia Lake site. This extension would extend the deadline to submit an updated CCP, including a cost estimate, to November 10, 2018.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 736-4803.

Sincerely,
Rio Algom Mining, LLC



Theresa Ballaine
Manager