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May 18, 2018

Ms. Teresa Ballaine
Rio Algom Mining LLC
P.O. Box 218
Grants, NM 87020

RE: Request for Extension, Joint Closure/Closeout Plan Submittal, Old Stope Leach Mine Area, McKinley County, New Mexico, Mining Act Permit No. MK009RE and Discharge Permit 362

Dear Ms. Ballaine,

The Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") and the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") have received from Rio Algom Mining LLC ("RAML") the *Request for Extension for Submittal of Closure/Closeout Plan* dated May 7, 2018. The request is for a 90-day extension for submittal of an updated Closure/Closeout Plan ("CCP") for the Old Stope Leach Mine area in order to allow for coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and potential future actions within the San Mateo Creek Basin.

MMD and NMED hereby approve the time extension until November 10, 2018 for RAML's submittal of the CCP.

If you have any questions, please contact Holland Shepherd at (505) 476-3437 or Kurt Vollbrecht at (505) 827-0195.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Holland Shepherd, written in a cursive style.

Holland Shepherd
Program Manager, MARP

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Kurt Vollbrecht
Program Manager, NMED MECS

cc: David J. (DJ) Ennis, P.G. Senior Reclamation Specialist, Permit Lead
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