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Ms. Sandra Ross  
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. Ross,

The Mining and Minerals Division, Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MMD, MARP") and the New Mexico Environment Department, Mining Environmental Compliance Section ("NMED, MECS") have received from Rio Algom Mining LLC ("RAML") the *Request for Extension for Submittal of Closure/Closeout Plan* dated October 22, 2018. The request is for an extension until March 30, 2019 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 March 30, 2019 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,

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Holland Shepherd  
Program Manager, MMD MARP

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Kurt Vollbrecht  
Program Manager, NMED MECS

cc: David J. (DJ) Ennis, MMD MARP Permit Lead  
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