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March 28, 2019

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 March 4, 2019. The request is for an extension until June 30, 2019 for submittal of an updated Closure/Closeout Plan ("CCP") for the Old Stope Leach Mine area in order to continue discussions regarding the scope and content of the CCP and allow time for RAML to prepare the document.

Because June 30, 2019 is a Sunday, MMD and NMED hereby approve the time extension until July 1, 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  
Amber Rheubottom, NMED MECS Permit Lead