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S. Aromie Noe, Director
Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances
Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
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Re: RIN 1219-AB36, Docket Number: MSHA-2023-0001

Dear Director Noe:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation and KG Mining (Bald Mountain), Inc. ("Kinross") respectfully request a 120-day extension to the comment period provided in MSHA's proposed RIN 1219-AB36, *Lowering Miners' Exposure: Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection*, as published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2023. MSHA has requested comments in 43 specific areas within a 45-day comment period. That timeframe is insufficient to provide thoughtful and meaningful comments on all 43 sections.

This request is made by the Kinross Gold Corporation subsidiaries that operate the Round Mountain Mine and the Bald Mountain Mine, both operating gold mines in Nevada. Safety is our company's highest priority, and we want to make sure that we have sufficient time to provide MSHA with our input on this important rulemaking.

The proposed rule has extensive implications, and a thorough examination of its technical aspects, economic impact, and feasibility is essential for successful implementation. Extension of the comment period will allow us to conduct research, gather data, and engage in constructive dialogue. This additional time will also promote a more inclusive and transparent rulemaking process as well as allow sufficient time to address questions or concerns raised during the comment period.

The final rulemaking process will be greatly enhanced by providing sufficient time to review each of the 43 sections in a comprehensive and collaborative manner. Kinross kindly requests that MSHA extend the comment period for 120 days and establish the comment deadline as December 26, 2023.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Martin D. Litt
President & General Counsel

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