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September 21, 2023

Emily Hart
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501 North Riverpoint Boulevard
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Subject: Request to Amend Reclamation Plan Approval F20229339RPA to incorporate an additional 1.29-acre laydown pad within NANA land.

Dear Ms. Hart:

On July 25, 2023, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Mining Section (DMLW) received correspondence from you requesting approval to amend the *Anarraaq-Aktigiruaq Exploration Program Reclamation Plan Approval (F20229339RPA)* to include an additional laydown pad ("Laydown Area 3") at the start of the Anaarraq and Aktigiruaq Access Road (AAAR) beginning at the end of the existing Fish Weir Road. The requested laydown pad is required to support bridge assembly and road construction activities along the AAAR.

We reviewed your proposal and consulted with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) as well as conducted a 30-day notice to the public and request for information, which expired on September 11, 2023. During the course of this consultation and notice period, DMLW received no public comments.

The requested amendment to the Reclamation Plan as proposed and illustrated in your July 25, 2023, submission is hereby approved as *Anarraaq-Aktigiruaq Exploration Program Reclamation Plan Amendment Approval F20229339RPA.02*. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Reclamation Plan Approval dated August 12, 2022. Prior to conducting activities approved under this amendment, the previous Financial Assurance of \$5,536,000.00 is to be increased by \$118,000.00 to a new amount of \$5,654,000.00.

Please be advised that this approval does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of this decision under 11 AAC 02.040. An eligible person must first appeal a decision to

the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska Court System establishes its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department. Appeals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Appeals must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A copy of 11 AAC 02 is available on the department's website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf>.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact William Groom at 907-451-2788

Sincerely,



Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of TAI July 25, 2023 amendment request.

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