

Department of Natural Resources

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Garfield MacVeigh Member Representative Constantine Mining, LLC 800 West Pender Street, Ste 320 Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 2V6 Canada

Subject: Palmer Exploration Phase II Reclamation Plan Modification 1 J20185690.1 for Relocation of the Land Application Disposal System

Dear Mr. MacVeigh:

On April 14, 2022, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) received correspondence from Constantine Mining, LLC (Constantine) requesting approval to amend the *Palmer Exploration Phase II Reclamation Plan (RP)* to relocate the Land Application Disposal (LAD) system, expand the portal pad and adjust the Financial Assurance based on an updated cost estimate for these activities and inflation.

The DMLW Mining section has reviewed the proposed amendment. DMLW/Southeast Regional Lands Office, the Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and Fish & Game (ADF&G) have been notified and no objections to the proposed amendment have been received.

The requested amendment to the RP as proposed and illustrated in the submission dated April 14, 2022 is hereby approved as *Palmer Exploration Phase II Reclamation Plan Approval J20185690RPA.1 (RPA)*. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the RPA as Amended on July 17, 2019. The updated cost estimate has been reviewed and a total financial assurance amount of \$1,074,000.00 has been approved for the Palmer Project.

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

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Steve Buckley at 907-269-8621

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Under 11 AAC 02.030, appeals and requests for reconsideration filed under 11 AAC 02 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) and (b).

This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st calendar day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Steve Buckley Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of Constantine's April 14, 2022 modification request

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