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November 26, 2019

Jennifer Pyecha Sr. Environmental Engineer Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. P.O. Box 73726 Fairbanks, AK 99707-3726

Subject: Final Extension of the True North Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (F20127522)

Dear Ms. Pyecha:

On May 29, 2019, Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) initiated discussion with the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) regarding an extension of the True North Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (F20127522) (RPA) to continue post-reclamation monitoring. On June 24, 2019, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) received correspondence from Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI), requesting a two-year extension. The current RPA expired on July 25, 2019. Your request was received in a timely fashion. DMLW has been discussing the request.

On July 2, 2019, DMLW completed a general inspection of the True North Mine and concluded the post-reclamation activities appeared compliant with the RPA, and that grassy and woody species continues to propagate on the site.

FGMI's request for extension has been considered, and DMLW hereby administratively extends RPA (F20127522) through July 25, 2022. This extension will allow for continued post-reclamation monitoring.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Brent Martellaro at 907-451-2788.

Sincerely,

Steve Buckley

Mining Section Chief

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