



December 5, 2018

Kevin Eppers
Environmental Manager
Coeur Alaska, Inc
3031 Clinton Drive, Suite 202
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (J201333158)

Dear Mr. Eppers:

The Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DMLW) issued a Reclamation Plan Approval for Kensington Gold Mine for the five-year period from May 3, 2013 through May 3, 2018.

On March 30, 2018, the 2018 Reclamation and Closure Plan for Kensington Gold Mine was submitted to DMLW. In a letter dated April 25, 2018, DMLW granted an Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval through December 31, 2018.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may approve a reclamation plan for any term not to exceed 10 years. Since Coeur Alaska, Inc submitted an application to renew the reclamation plan in a timely manner and because the original term of the reclamation plan approval was for only five years, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby extends the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval 3 years through December 31, 2021, to allow for completion of the current agency review and public process associated with the renewal of the reclamation plan.

The bond amount must be adjusted for inflation for this three-year extension accordingly: principal equal to \$29,607,114 (over two sureties), using the five-year (2013-2017) average consumer price index(CPI) for Anchorage, AK (<http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/cpi/index.cfm>) is equal to 1.22%, compounded annually over the three-year extension totaling \$1,096,894. This brings the bonds to a total of \$30,704,008. Documentation of the approved financial assurance must be received by ADNRR within 60 days of the date of this letter.

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 907-

269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Buckley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

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