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**Subject: Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Approval Amendment 4
F20189500POOA.04 for Sewage Treatment Plant Discharge Line and Outfall 002**

Dear Ms. Ladegard:

On September 18, 2019, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Mining Section (DMLW) received correspondence from you requesting an amendment to the Pogo Plan of Operations regarding the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Discharge Line and Outfall 002. The DMLW understands the modification request addresses the inclusion of the STP discharge line and Outfall 002 as pertinent facilities for Pogo Mine operations.

We reviewed the requested amendment and the submitted drawing, Figure 1: STP Discharge Line and consulted with Alaska Department of Environmental conservation, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and ADNR DMLW, Lands Section. No objections to the proposed amendment have been received.

The requested amendment to your Plan of Operations (F20189500), as described and illustrated in your September 18, 2019 submittal is hereby approved as ***Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Amendment Approval F20189500POOA.04***. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations Approval dated May 26, 2018.

We understand that any changes will be accounted for in the next update to the Reclamation and Closure Plan and the closure cost estimate.

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

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 NS (Pogo) LLC’s September 18, 2019 amendment request

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