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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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July 3, 2012

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc.  
P.O. Box 73726  
Fairbanks, AK. 99707-3726  
Attention: Delbert Parr

### **Re: Extension of the Fort Knox Mine Project Final Plan of Operations Amendment Approval (F20079852)**

Dear Mr. Parr,

The current Fort Knox Mine Project Final Plan of Operations Amendment Approval (Plan of Operations F20079852) is effective July 3, 2007 through July 3, 2012. At a meeting held on April 10, 2012 in Fairbanks, the Division of Mining Land and Water (DML&W) agreed to administratively extend this approval to allow for significant amendments to be included in the new Plan of Operations Amendment Approval. The DML&W also agreed to accept the proposed interim bond amount until the revised plans by Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc. (FGMI) provide a basis for more definitive evaluation by the agencies and your company. Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) has indicated a revised and updated Reclamation and Closure Plan can be expected during the third quarter of this year.

The DML&W is in receipt of verification that the proposed interim bonding amount of \$65,785,767.00 is in place.

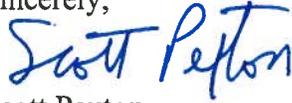
The Division of Mining, Land and Water (DML&W) hereby administratively extends the current Fort Knox Plan of Operations Amendment Approval (F20079852) until July 3, 2013, to allow for the completion of agency review and public process associated with the submittal of the revised Reclamation and Closure Plan.

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 Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

Sincerely,



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Mining Section Chief

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