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Attention: Ron Rimelman

Re: Extension of the Rock Creek & Big Hurrah Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578)

Dear Mr. Rimelman,

The current Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578) was issued effective from August 9, 2006 to August 8, 2011. The Rock Creek Mine is currently in care and maintenance status while Nova Gold develops final facility reclamation and closure plans.

You submitted a revised and updated draft of the Reclamation Plan in April 2011 and received agency review comments. A second revision to the DRAFT Rock Creek Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan was received July 8th; we understand that the revised closure cost estimate will be submitted soon.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water hereby administratively extends the current Rock Creek & Big Hurrah Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578) until December 31, 2011 in order to allow for completion of agency review and any public process associated with the reissuance of the Reclamation Plan Approval.

If this office can be of any additional service, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 269-8621 or Steve McGroarty at (907) 451-2795.

Sincerely,

**Steve
McGroarty**

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