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Submitted via email

Subject: Pogo Mine Plan of Operations (F20129500) Amendment Approval—Power Distribution Expansion to East Deep

Dear Ms. McLeod,

On December 13, 2012 the Division of Mining, Land and Water, Mining Resources Section (Mining Section) received from Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) a request to amend your Plan of Operations to allow for an extension of the power distribution for the East Deep expansion. The Mining Section understands that approximately 5,000 square feet of excavation on the north end of the mill and camp bench is required to install two new 138kV-13.8kV transformers at the sites main substation. The new power cables and small fiber optic cable will be hand-run approximately 2,500 feet across the hillside above the bench down to the new 2150 portal electrical building, allowing for minimal tree removal and ground disturbance.

The Mining Section has reviewed the proposed amendment and consulted with Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation and Fish & Game.

The requested amendment to your Plan of Operations (F20129500) as described and illustrated in your December 13, 2012 proposal is hereby approved. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations Approval dated February 7, 2012. These new facilities should be accounted for in the next update to the Pogo Reclamation and Closure Plan and the closure cost estimate.

Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if wetlands are involved.

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 .2.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, 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,



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