



May 15, 2009

Mr. Rick Fredericksen
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
550 W 7th Ave, Ste 900 B
Anchorage, AK 99501-3577

Re: Red Dog Reclamation and Closure Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Fredericksen:

Teck Alaska, Incorporated (Teck) is submitting this letter to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources seeking approval of the Reclamation and Closure Plan for the Red Dog Mine, as specified in 11 AAC 97.300.

The mine is located on private land owned by NANA Regional Corporation (NANA) and is operated by Teck under a 1982 Operating Agreement with NANA. A signed and notarized statement from NANA is attached indicating that the miner has the landowner's permission to operate throughout the period covered by the proposed reclamation plan.

In support of this letter for the approval of the Reclamation and Closure Plan, Teck has previously submitted a large number of documents, as shown on the enclosure list on the following page. The key supporting documents for the approval of the Reclamation and Closure Plan are:

- Red Dog Mine Closure and Reclamation Plan
- Supporting Document A2, Legal Description of Property
- Supporting Document B1, Red Dog Mine Development Plan (Teck, 2004)
- Supporting Document B2, Plan of Operations for Waste Rock Management
- Supporting Document B3, Plan of Operations for Tailings and Water Management
- Red Dog Mine Waste Management, Reclamation and Closure Monitoring Plan
- Supporting Documents J1 to J3, Financial Assurance and Cost Estimates

Teck is aware of all applicable local ordinances, all local zoning requirements and the requirements of AS 46.40 and 6 AAC 50 (the Alaska Coastal Management Program). The project location is within the Alaska Coastal Zone and a Coastal Project Questionnaire will be submitted for the project under separate cover.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike D.J. Bonneau".

Mike D.J. Bonneau, P. Eng.

General Manager, Red Dog Mine
Teck Alaska, Incorporated

c.c.:	Paul Glavinovich	NANA Regional Corporation
	Rosie Barr	NANA Regional Corporation
	Sonny Adams	NANA Regional Corporation
	Jack DiMarchi	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
	David Johnson	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
	Tom Okleasik	NWAB

Enclosures:

Letter from NANA consenting to proposed activities
Red Dog Mine Closure and Reclamation Plan

Supporting Documents to Closure and Reclamation Plan (submitted under separate cover):

Supporting Document A: Consultation & Property Description

- A1 Closure Workshops
- A2 Legal Description of Property

Supporting Document B: Plans of Operations

- B1 Red Dog Mine Development Plan (Teck, 2004)
- B2 Plan of Operations for Waste Rock Management
- B3 Plan of Operations for Tailings and Water Management

Supporting Document C: Geotechnical

- C1 Main Waste Stockpile Stability Assessments
- C2 Drawings from Updated Geotechnical Report (URS, 2008)
- C3 Dam History Report, Red Dog Tailings Main Dam, Future Raises to Closure (URS, 2007)
- C4 Preliminary Conceptual Design Report, Red Dog Tailings Main Dam, Future Raises to Closure (URS, 2007)
- C5 Stability Analysis for Future Raises to Closure, Tailings Main Dam (URS, 2007)
- C6 Seepage Analysis Report, Red Dog Tailings Main Dam, Future Raises to Closure (URS, 2007)
- C7 Drawings from Back Dam Investigation and Design (Golder Associates 2006)
- C8 Preliminary Spillway Design, Red Dog Tailings Main Dam, Ultimate Closure Configuration (URS, 2008)

Supporting Document D: Geochemistry

- D1 Consolidation of Studies on Geochemical Characterization of Waste Rock and Tailings
- D2 Supporting Geochemical Review and Interpretation
- D3 Aqqaluk Geochemistry – Supplemental Testing Program
- D4 Lime Requirements and Predicted Geochemical Changes

Supporting Document E: Water Management

- E1 Red Dog Water and Load Balance
- E2 Flood Frequency Update for Middle Fork Red Dog Creek (Peratrovich, Nottingham & Drage Inc., 2002)
- E3 Red Dog Creek Rediversion Design Criteria & Plan (Teck, 2004)
- E4 Assessment of Water Treatment Methods Applicable for Closure
- E5 Assessment of Methods for Managing Post-Closure Water Treatment Sludge

Supporting Document F: Reclamation and Revegetation

- F1 Mine Area Closure Options – Summary of the Cover Studies
- F2 Evaluation of Borrow Sources
- F3 Revegetation Plan for the Red Dog Mine (ABR, Inc., 2007)

Supporting Document G: Demolition

Demolition Cost Estimates (Denison Environmental Services, 2004)

Supporting Document H: Ecological Risks

Evaluation of Ecological Risk within the Ambient Air/Solid Waste Permit Boundary (Exponent, 2008)

Supporting Document I: Monitoring Plans

Red Dog Mine Waste Management, Reclamation and Closure Monitoring Plan

Supporting Document J: Cost Estimates

- J1 Red Dog Mine, Suspension Study, Waste Management Permitting Program Task L-04
- J2 Basis of Estimate - Closure Costs
- J3 Basis of Estimate - Post-Closure Costs



Jack DiMarchi
Mining Coordinator
State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Office of Project Management and Permitting
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

May 13, 2009

Dear Mr. DiMarchi:

Pursuant to 11 AAC 97.310(b)(7), this letter is to notify you that NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. owns the Red Dog Mine, and that Teck Alaska Incorporated has NANA's permission to operate the mine through the time period covered by the proposed Reclamation and Closure Plan for the Red Dog Mine.

Sincerely,

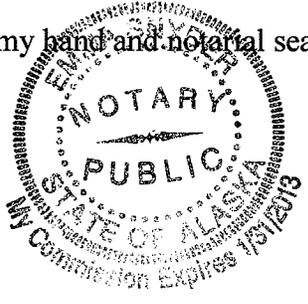

Marie N. Greene
President and CEO

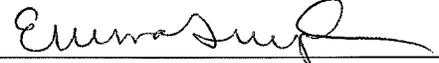
cc: Paul Glavinovich

STATE OF ALASKA)
) ss.
_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 13th day of May, 2009, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Marie N. Greene, to me known to be the President and CEO of NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., and acknowledged to me that she executed the foregoing instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date and year last above written.





Notary public in and for Alaska
My commission Expires: 11/31/2013