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Teck Alaska Incorporated
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Attention: Henri Letient

Subject: Extension of the Final Red Dog Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (F20099958)

Dear Mr. Letient:

On November 14, 2014 the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW) received a letter from Teck Alaska Incorporated (Teck) requesting extension of the expiration date of the Reclamation and Closure Plan (RCP) for the Red Dog Mine until ADNR completes its review of the RCP renewal application and renews the RCP for the Red Dog Mine.

On December 2, 2009, DNR signed the Final Reclamation Plan Approval F20099958 (RPA) for the Red Dog Mine, effective through December 2, 2014, and stipulated that applications for renewal be made no later than 30 days before the expiration date of the RPA. Teck complied with this stipulation.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may approve a reclamation plan for any term not to exceed 10 years. Since the original term of the plan approval was for 5 years, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby administratively extends the effective date of the Final Reclamation Plan Approval F20099958 through June 2, 2015, or until an updated reclamation plan is deemed complete and approved by DNR, whichever occurs first. This extension should be sufficient to allow for a thorough review of the updated plan, cost estimates and supporting documents, resolution of requests for information, and accommodate a coordinated public notice process.

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 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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Mining Section Chief

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