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January 11, 2023

Leslie Olmstead
Teck American Inc.
501 North Riverpoint Boulevard
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Subject: Request to Amend Plan of Operations Approval F20229339POA to Incorporate Improved Access Roads to Material Sites

Dear Mrs. Olmstead:

On October 14, 2022, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Mining Section (DMLW) received correspondence from you requesting approval to amend the *Anarraaq-Aktigirug Exploration Program Plan of Operations Approval (F20229339POA)* to include an improved access road design to the material sites labelled as AA-MS-1 (State Lands) and AA-MS-4 (NANA Lands).

We reviewed your proposal and consulted with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) as well as conducted a 30-day notice to the public and request for information, which expired on December 9, 2022. During the course of this consultation and notice period, DMLW received one comment from a member of the public in support of the amendment and one request for information, which was addressed on November 23, 2022.

DMLW has determined that the only part of this requested amendment to occur on State Lands are those within Sections 12 & 13 of Township 31 North, Range 19 West, Kateel River Meridian. The requested amendment to the Plan of Operations as proposed and illustrated in your October 14, 2022, submission is hereby approved as *Anarraaq-Aktigirug Exploration Program Plan of Operations Amendment Approval F20229339POA.01* for the activities to occur on State Lands. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations Approval dated August 12, 2022. Prior to conducting activities approved under this amendment, the previous Financial Assurance of \$5,431,000.00 is to be increased by \$105,000.00 to a new amount of \$5,536,000.00.

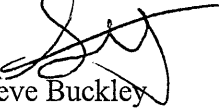
Please be advised that this approval does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of this decision under 11 AAC 02.040. An eligible person must first appeal a decision to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska Court System establishes its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department.

Appeals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Appeals must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(6), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A .pdf or print copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained by contacting the Director of Appeals via phone at (907) 269-8429, via email at erik.fossum@alaska.gov, and is also available on the department's website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf>.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact William Groom at 907-451-2788

Sincerely,


Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of TAI October 14, 2022 amendment request.

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