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**Subject: Extension of the Donlin Gold Project Reclamation Plan Approval
(A20196226RPA)**

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

On September 18, 2023, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) - Mining Section received your timely request for renewal of the ***Donlin Gold Reclamation Plan Approval (RPA)***. This extension is administrative while final adjudication is completed. The current RPA expires on January 17, 2024.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the reclamation plan approval may cover up to a ten-year period. Extensions may be granted before the end of the stated approved work period if the request does not deviate significantly from the original proposed reclamation plan approval.

In order to allow for the continuation of your operations, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DMLW) administratively extends the Reclamation Plan Approval (A20196226RPA) until January 17, 2025. This extension of the RPA is to be sufficient to allow for a thorough review of the complete submission and resolution of any requests for information or updates to the plans and cost estimates, and to accommodate a coordinated public notice process. DMLW may provide for additional administrative extensions at its discretion.

Please be advised that this authorization 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)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A copy of 11 AAC 02 is 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,



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