

GIL

**MILLSITE LEASE
ADL 233700**

issued to

Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc.

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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A: Millsite Area Land Description
- Exhibit B: Parent Entity Guaranty
- Exhibit C: Stipulations

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ADL No. 233700

1. Parties. This Millsite Lease ("this Lease") is issued by the State of Alaska ("State"), acting by and through the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water ("Division") pursuant to AS 38.05.255, to **Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI)** a Delaware corporation the address of which is **#1 Fort Knox Road, Fairbanks, AK 99712.**

Recitals

The purpose of this Lease is for storage of topsoil and waste rock material resulting from mining activities associated with the Gil project.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Lease, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - a. "Annual Rent" means the annual rent required by AS 38.05.255 as determined pursuant to Section 6 herein.
 - b. "Director" means the Director of the Division, unless otherwise indicated.
 - c. "Division" means the Division of Mining, Land and Water within the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and its successor agencies unless otherwise indicated.
 - d. "Effective Date" means the date that this Lease is signed by the Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water unless specified otherwise by the Director.
 - e. "Facility" or "Facilities" means any and all structures, excavations, or improvements constructed or in the process of being constructed in or on the Millsite Area pursuant to the Plan of Operations, including but not limited to buildings, roads, utility lines and equipment, pipelines, impoundments, reservoirs, pits, waste dumps, and wells.
 - f. "FGMI" means Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. an Delaware Corporation.
 - g. "Guarantor" means Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. ("KGUSA") as the parent entity and as the signatory of Exhibit B.
 - h. "Hazardous Substance" means the same herein as in AS 46.03.826(5), with "oil" as defined in AS 46.03.826(7).
 - i. "Kinross" means Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. ("KGUSA") a Nevada corporation and the parent corporation of Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc.
 - j. "Lessee" means Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. ("FGMI") an Delaware corporation, in its capacity as Owner and Operator.

- k. "Millsite Area" means those State lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
- i. "Millsite Operations" means those activities that are conducted in or on the Millsite Area pursuant to and in compliance with the Plan of Operations and the Reclamation Plan or other plans requested and approved by the Division, along with such activities that are normally and reasonably associated therewith, which in this Project include but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) Extracting, processing, storing, removing, transporting, and selling or otherwise disposing of locatable minerals mined pursuant to Mining Rights;
 - (2) placing, constructing, erecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, using, replacing, and removing excavations, openings, ditches, drains, stockpiles, waste rock dumps, roads, haulage ways, buildings, structures, machinery, equipment, and other Facilities consistent with the Plan of Operations, on or below the surface of the Millsite Area, as may be reasonably necessary or desirable for the purpose of engaging in the activities described in Subsection 2.i.(1) above;
 - (3) Reclamation activities in conformance with the provisions of this Lease and the Reclamation Plan; and
 - (4) any and all other actions in or on the Millsite Area that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to carry on Millsite Operations, subject to the limitations and restrictions of any and all other leases, permits, authorizations, statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances existing at the time of the action.
- j. "Mining Operations" means those activities constituting the normal and reasonable exercise of Mining Rights under an approved Plan of Operations.
- k. "Mining Rights" means the working interest in any and all mining claims, mining leases, or any other mining properties, either collectively or individually, that are owned or controlled or otherwise exercisable by Lessee and that are located within the Millsite Area, now or at any time during the period when the Plan of Operations is in effect for the Millsite Area; as used herein, "working interest" means the right of possession and extraction of minerals together with any and all associated rights described in AS 38.05.185 - .275.
- l. "Operator" means the party designated by Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. as operator. As of the effective date of this lease, the Operator is FGMI.
- m. "Parent Entity" means, with respect to the initial Owner and Operator, Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc.; as both the parent corporation and guarantor thereof (as outlined in Exhibit B hereto).
- n. "Plan of Operations" means the Plan of Operations for the Millsite Area, as updated, revised, or amended by the Lessee and approved by the Division.
- o. "Pollution" means the same herein as in AS 46.03.900(20) with respect to water,

land, or subsurface land and the same herein as in AS 46.03.900(2) with respect to air.

- p. "Reclamation" means rehabilitation of the lands within the Millsite Area pursuant to AS 27.19 and in accordance with the Reclamation Plan.
- q. "Reclamation Plan" means FGMI's Reclamation Plan for the Gil Millsite submitted by Lessee and approved by the Division in compliance with AS 27.19 and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as updated, revised, or amended by FGMI and approved by the Division thereafter.
- r. "State" means the State of Alaska as sovereign and owner of the lands within the Millsite Area, and, where the context requires, the agencies or authorized representatives thereof.
- s. "Temporary Closure" means a suspension or cessation of both Mining Operations and Millsite Operations on the Millsite Area for a period of more than 90 days, not to exceed three (3) years in duration.
- v. "Transfer" means, as the context requires,
 - (1) to sell, grant, assign, encumber, pledge, or otherwise commit or dispose of, or;
 - (2) a sale, grant, assignment, encumbrance, pledge or other commitment or disposition.

3. Grant of Lease.

- a. Pursuant to AS 38.05.255, as amended, and for and in consideration of the Annual Rent described in Section 6 herein and subject to the reservations, exceptions, exclusions, limitations, conditions, and other provisions contained in this Lease, the State, by and through the Division, hereby grants and leases to Lessee and its successors and assigns for the term set forth in Section 5 below and solely for the purpose stated in Subsection 3(b) herein, the following described State lands within the Fairbanks Recording District (as further described in Exhibit A attached hereto):

**Township 002 North, Range 003 East, Fairbanks Meridian
Section 11 NW1/4**

- b. This Lease is granted for the purpose of conducting Millsite Operations on the Millsite Area in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Lease.
- c. All rights granted pursuant to this Lease are subject to any valid existing rights within the Millsite Area and the requirement of reasonable multiple concurrent use as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Alaska, AS 38.05.255, and AS 38.05.285; however, pursuant to 11 AAC 86.145, Lessee may restrict public access to those areas of the Millsite Area where such restriction is necessary for

- public safety or to prevent unreasonable interference with Millsite Operations.
- d. Disposal of tailings or other mine waste on the Millsite Area may not occur unless Lessee receives authorization from the Department of Environmental Conservation to dispose of tailings under the State of Alaska Waste Management Permit and any required revision or renewal of the Waste Management Permit.

4. Reserved Rights.

- a. The State, for itself and others, reserves all rights not expressly granted to the Lessee by this Lease. These reserved rights include but are not limited to:
- (1) the right to explore for, develop, lease, and remove from the Millsite Area minerals not otherwise owned or controlled by the Lessee;
 - (2) the right to establish or grant easements and rights-of-way upon, through, or in the Millsite Area for any lawful purpose, including roads, railroads, well sites, pipelines, utility lines, drill holes, shafts, and tunnels necessary or convenient for the use of the lands included within the Millsite Area for purposes other than activities authorized pursuant to this Lease, or necessary or convenient for access to or the use of other land for any purpose; and
 - (3) the right to manage and to convey to third parties by grant, lease, permit, or otherwise, any and all interests in the lands included within the Millsite Area other than those granted by this Lease, provided that any such grant, lease, permit or other conveyance of rights is made subject to the provisions of this Lease.
- b. The rights reserved pursuant to Subsection 4(a) above shall not be exercised in any manner that unreasonably interferes with Lessee's activities authorized pursuant to this Lease. The Division shall provide the Lessee with prior written notice of the State's intent to exercise any rights reserved under Subsection 4(a) of this Lease and the opportunity to comment on the proposed exercise of any such reserved rights. The parties shall work cooperatively to identify potential conflicts, and the Division shall require as a condition of the exercise by the State or any other party of any such reserved rights, such stipulations as appear necessary to protect public safety or to prevent unreasonable interference with the rights of the Lessee.

5. Term.

The term of this Millsite Lease commences on the Effective Date and shall continue, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Lease, until completion of all requirements under and pursuant to the Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan approved by the Division for lands within the Millsite Area.

6. Annual Rent.

- a. Rent accrues beginning with the Effective Date of this Lease and annually thereafter so long as this Lease is in effect. Lessee shall pay an Annual Rent as follows:
- (1) The Annual Rent for the first five years hereunder shall be the market rental value of the land without improvements installed or constructed by the Lessee, based on the appraised market value of the land as determined by an appraisal of the Millsite Area to be carried out at Lessee's expense by an independent appraiser selected by Lessee from an approved list of appraisers provided by the Division and in accordance with the additional appraisal instructions issued by the Division. The appraisal is subject to review and approval by the Division. Rent accrues as of the effective date of the lease, regardless of when the appraisal is approved by the Division.
 - (2) The Annual Rent for each succeeding five year period (e.g., starting in the sixth year of this Lease, the eleventh year, etc.) hereunder shall be calculated as the then-existing Annual Rent amount multiplied by a ratio, the numerator of which is the Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska (CPI-U) published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, as it existed on the last half of the year before the rent adjustment is due, and the denominator of which is the CPI- U published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as it existed on the last half of the year in which the rent to be adjusted became effective.
 - (3) Upon completion of all activities except reclamation under the Reclamation Plan, the Annual Rent for lands then within the Millsite Area shall be reduced to a nominal charge to reflect the substantial decrease in use of the Millsite Area. The nominal charge shall not exceed 10% of the fair market rental value, as determined by the Director.
- b. All payments to the State under this Lease must be made payable to the State in the manner directed by the State and shall be tendered to the State at:

Department of Natural Resources
Attention: Financial Services
550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1410
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3561

or to such other depository designated by the Division upon sixty (60) days written notice as described in Section 27 herein.

- c. Failure to pay the Annual Rent constitutes a material breach of this Lease that may result in termination unless cured as provided in Section 19 herein.

7. Materials within Millsite Area.

- a. Lessee shall not sell or remove from the Millsite Area for use on any lands not included within the Millsite Area any timber, stone, gravel, peatmoss, topsoil, or any other material valuable for building or commercial purposes, except as described in (b), (c) and (d) of this subsection. Such material may be used without charge only within and for the benefit of the Millsite Area and for or in connection with Millsite Operations.
- b. All material on the Millsite Area may be purchased and removed from the Millsite Area and is subject to the management and sale of materials with a material sales agreement approved by the Division.
- c. All timber on the Millsite Area that will be disturbed due to Millsite Operations shall be used for Millsite Operations in or on the Millsite Area and such timber will be either:
 - (1) chipped and mulched by Lessee for use as a soil amendment for incorporation into topsoil stockpiles and other suitable growth medium for the purposes of enriching growth medium stockpiles, enhancing interim reclamation, or increasing the resources to reclaim the mined area at closure, or upon Division approval in consultation with State Division of Forestry, otherwise incorporated into the soil; or burned in accordance with Division of Forestry burn permit; or
 - (2) disposed of, in accordance with the stipulations in the Plan of Operations Approval.
- d. Waste rock produced from mining operations on Mental Health Trust Land and placed within the Millsite area may be moved and used to support mining operations within the project area.

8. Reclamation Bond.

- a. During the term of this Lease, prior to commencement of any activities by Lessee on the Millsite Area resulting in land disturbance and prior to January 1 of each subsequent year that this Lease is in effect, Lessee shall furnish to the Division a reclamation bond which meets the requirements and standards of AS 27.19.040, the regulations thereunder and the Reclamation Plan, securing Lessee's performance of the Reclamation Plan.
- b. The reclamation bond amount of this Lease shall be the mutually agreed upon bond held by the Division for Gil Millsite Reclamation Plan Approval and Waste Management Permit, until such time as the scheduled renewal of the bond. Thereafter, the reclamation bond amount shall be redetermined for intervals of no more than five years. At least 120 days prior to the expiration of a reclamation bond interval, Lessee shall supply to the Division all relevant

information concerning Lessee's operations and reclamation planned for the Millsite Area for the succeeding interval. The Division shall notify Lessee of the bond amount for the succeeding interval at least 45 days prior to the expiration of the current bond interval.

- c. Lessee shall provide evidence of bond renewal or a surety's commitment for a new bond no later than 15 days prior to the expiration of the existing bond. Failure to provide such evidence of renewal or commitment is a breach of this Lease.

9. Insurance.

- a. During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall maintain the following policies of insurance written by insurance companies with a financial rating of "Very Good" as rated in the most recent edition of Best's Insurance Reports or the equivalent of that rating as approved and accepted by the Division, and authorized to provide insurance in Alaska.

- (1) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined single limit (including umbrella liability coverage) of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence/annual aggregate, which shall include, but not be limited to: Premises and Operations, Independent Contractors, Owners and Contractors Protective, Products/Completed Operations, contractual including Blasting; and Personal Injury. This insurance shall insure against claims which may arise out of or result from Lessee's operations related to the Millsite Area whether such operations be conducted by Lessee or by its contractors or subcontractors, or by any entity directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.
- (2) Sudden & Accidental Pollution Liability Insurance, with combined single limits not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence for any claim arising out of or related to any event or happening directly or indirectly caused by or from the Lessee's operations, resulting from the dispersal, discharge, escape, release, removal or saturation of smoke, vapors, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids, gasses, contaminants, or pollutants into the atmosphere, or in, onto, upon, or into the surface or subsurface of soil, water or watercourses, objects, or any tangible or intangible matter.
- (3) Auto Liability Insurance with a combined single limit (including umbrella liability coverage) of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence/annual aggregate, which shall include, but not be limited to: All vehicles owned, hired, or used by Lessee for Millsite Operations, away from the Millsite Area on public roads.
- (4) Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for all errors and omissions

or negligent acts of any design/project professional involved in the Gil Millsite for which this Lease is issued, with coverage limits of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per claim and project aggregate provided by the lead design contractor and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per claim and project aggregate provided by all other design subcontractors.

(5) Statutory Alaska Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in compliance with the laws of Alaska, and where applicable, insurance which complies with any other statutory obligations, whether federal or state, pertaining to the compensation (including Voluntary Compensation) of employees of Lessee injured as a result of Millsite Operations. The Worker's Compensation Insurance shall contain a waiver of subrogation clause in favor of the State.

(6) All Risk Property Insurance, if available in the insurance marketplace at a reasonable cost, (including earthquake, flood, and business interruption), on all structures, buildings, and equipment on or affixed to or otherwise connected to the Millsite Area in such amounts and with such deductibles as under good business practices are ordinarily provided for on similar buildings and equipment, but in no event in an amount less than the replacement value of all the insurable structures, buildings, improvements, and equipment on or in the Millsite Area. During course of construction, Lessee shall provide or cause significant contractors to provide "All Risks" Builders' Risk Insurance.

- b. Lessee may opt to self-insure all, or a portion of the insurance program required hereunder.
- c. Where the State has an insurable interest in the Millsite Area or Millsite Operations, the State shall be included as additional insured on Lessee's liability insurance policies covering the Millsite Area and all activities related to the Millsite Area whether actually occurring on the Millsite Area or not. Lessee shall endeavor to have all insurance policies taken out and maintained by all significant contractors and subcontractors under contracts with Lessee for work on the Millsite Area.

Alternatively, appropriate waivers of subrogation in favor of the State may be obtained with respect to all such insurance policies to affect the same purpose. Such insurance coverage or waivers of subrogation shall not cover or apply to the State where the sole proximate cause of the injury or damage is the reckless act or failure to act or willful misconduct by the State or anyone acting on behalf of the State. Where the State is named as an additional insured, this insurance shall be considered to be primary of any other insurance carried by the Division through self-insurance or otherwise. All such insurance where the State is included as an additional insured must include a "cross liability" or "severability of interest" clause or endorsement.

- d. Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to the Division. The certificates shall provide that thirty (30) days advance written notice by certified mail will be given to the Division before cancellation or material change in the coverage. The Division shall also be notified of renewals. Upon request, the Lessee shall furnish certificate of insurance to the Division that the required insurance coverages are in place and fully comply with this section.
- e. The requirements for insurance coverages of the kinds and with the limits stated in this Section shall not be construed as a representation that such insurance coverage is adequate or that it imposes any limit on Lessee's liability as against the State.
- f. Required insurance is subject to annual review and adjustment by the Division in consultation with the Department of Administration's Division of Risk Management, which may require reasonable changes based on changes in risks. If a change in coverage is required by the Division, the Division shall provide to Lessee a written explanation for any change and Lessee may appeal any change pursuant to 11 AAC 02 *et seq.*
- g. Lessee shall pay all deductibles where applicable under these insurance policies.

10. Commencement of Millsite Operations.

- a. No particular Millsite Operation shall commence in or on the Millsite Area until:
 - (1) the Plan of Operations is approved by the Division;
 - (2) all insurance policies, policy endorsements, and certificates of insurance required by Section 9 herein are received and approved by the Division;
 - (3) any and all other permits or authorizations necessary for the particular Millsite Operation are received by Lessee;
 - (4) The initial reclamation bond is received and approved by the Division; and
 - (5) the executed guaranty of the Parent Entity is received and approved by the Division.
- b. Except for activities approved by previous permits and plans of operation, prior to beginning construction, and as a requirement of the Plan of Operations, Lessee shall provide site development plans and a construction schedule for review by the Division. The Facilities to be reviewed shall be limited to improvements that could have an impact on the long-term value of the State's land. Areas of specific interest include: grading, drainageways, waste dumps, buried utilities, environmental controls or Facilities which are not specifically being reviewed by other regulatory agencies, soil or rock cuts or embankments which are not otherwise being reviewed, the general layout of the surface plant, and all geotechnical, hydrologic, and other engineering reports providing the basis for design of the above Facilities. The plans provided shall be those intended for construction of the specified Facilities. If significant changes are made in the design drawings before or during construction, revised drawings shall be

submitted for review. Construction plans and reports submitted for review shall be prepared in accordance with Alaska law.

- c. The extent of review by the Division shall normally be limited to assuring general conformance with the terms of this Lease, the Plan of Operations, an environmental audit pursuant to Section 13 herein, and other appropriate decision documents. This review is not intended to consist of detailed technical review of any Facility. However, the Division may require additional information, if deemed necessary prior to authorizing construction. It is understood that Lessee's project design and construction documents will conform to all applicable state and local codes, regulations, and statutes. Compliance also includes plan submittal to the State Fire Marshal, mechanical department, and electrical department when required by law.
- d. Following review, the Division will advise Lessee in writing if and when Lessee is authorized to proceed with construction. Lessee shall not proceed with construction prior to receiving appropriate authorization. An authorization for construction may be issued by the Division for individual or groups of project components, although complete submittals are desirable, when possible. The final requirements under this Section 10 shall be coordinated with Lessee and other appropriate agencies.
- e. Prior to transporting ore to the Fort Knox Mill for processing, Lessee shall submit certification(s) by an engineer or engineers that the roads, grading, drainageways, buried utilities, and site preparation for waste dumps were all constructed or prepared in accordance with the plans which were submitted to the Division for review. All certifications shall be made by properly licensed engineers. Representatives of the Division shall periodically inspect project progress. If deviations from the plans or schedule are observed, the Division representative shall advise Lessee of the deviations and Lessee shall take appropriate action to correct the deviations. Following completion of construction and any other Lease requirements, the Division shall issue an authorization to transport ore to the Ft. Knox Facility.

11. Maintenance; Obligations; Breach

- a. Lessee shall maintain the Millsite Area in good condition, including but not limited to, all Facilities and all of Lessee's personal property located in or on the Millsite Area. In addition to the obligations set forth in this Lease, Lessee shall take all prudent precautions to prevent pollution of the groundwater, surface water, air, and land; to prevent or suppress grass, brush, or forest fires; and to prevent erosion or destruction of the lands, features, and resources within the Millsite Area.
- b. Lessee shall conduct all Millsite Operations in compliance with the Plan of

Operations or other plans approved by the Division for lands within the Millsite Area, the Reclamation Plan, all other permits or authorizations issued by local, state, and federal agencies, and all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and ordinances including but not limited to environmental statutes and regulations.

- c. Failure to commence to cure a breach of any obligation set forth in this Lease upon notice from the Division pursuant to Section 27 and within the time allowed after notice by this Lease pursuant to Section 19 constitutes a material breach of this Lease and may result in termination.

12. Inspection and Entry by the Division

- a. Lessee shall permit the Division or its agents to enter into and upon the Millsite Area and Facilities at all reasonable times without notice, subject to such safety and security procedures as Lessee may from time to time adopt, for the purpose of inspecting the Millsite Area and the activities thereon including but not limited to activities involving Hazardous Substances.
- b. Each year that this Lease is in effect, at a mutually agreed upon time, Lessee shall hold a meeting with the Division and provide an update and briefing describing the activities of the year immediately preceding and activities planned for the immediately upcoming year with a copy of the update and briefing materials to be provided ten (10) days prior to the meeting. At the Division's discretion, this information may be made public in the context and format mutually agreed upon by Lessee and the Division.
- c. At least once a year, the Division will inspect the Millsite Area and all activities thereon for compliance with the terms of this Lease. This inspection may, at the discretion of the Division, be conducted as a joint agency inspection.
- d. At any time upon the Division's written request, Lessee shall promptly make any and all records, documents, or other information required to be kept or maintained by law, regulation, or ordinance available to the Division for inspection and copying as reasonably required by the Division to determine Lessee's compliance with local, state, and federal laws applicable to Millsite Operations. For information purposes the lessee and the Division shall agree on what, if any, routine site information may be of assistance and available to Division personnel for periodic updates as development of the project occurs.

13. Environmental Audit

Unless waived by the department, a periodic third-party environmental audit shall be completed during the final year of the Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan term or sooner if final closure starts during the terms of the permit. However, the field inspection portion of the audit shall be conducted during the snow free season the year before permit expiration. The audit will include all aspects of this Plan of

Operations Approval. The environmental audit is required to verify the Permittee's compliance with applicable environmental laws associated with this permit. The third-party contractor should be mutually agreed on by the State and the Permittee, but in the event that agreement cannot be reached, the State retains the final contractor selection decision. Costs for the third-party contractor shall be borne by the Permittee. The intent of the audit is to evaluate whether both Permittee management and agency permit administration provide reasonable assurances that the facility and environmental controls are functioning as intended. The environmental audit shall include an evaluation of the adequacy of the approved financial assurance.

14. Taxes and Liens

- a. During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall be solely responsible for paying any and all real property taxes, assessments, and similar charges levied by the State, any municipality, or any other governmental entity upon the interest in the Millsite Area granted to Lessee by this Lease. Lessee shall have the right to contest, in courts or otherwise, the validity or amount of any such taxes, assessments, or charges if Lessee deems them to be unlawful, unjust, unequal, or excessive, or to undertake such other steps or proceedings as Lessee may deem reasonably necessary to secure a cancellation, reduction, readjustment, or equalization thereof before Lessee shall be required to pay them, but in no event shall Lessee permit or allow its interest in the Millsite Area granted by this Lease to be lost or the State's title to the Millsite Area to be clouded or encumbered as a result of the nonpayment of any such taxes, assessments, or charges.
- b. During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall be solely responsible for paying for all labor and services performed upon or materials furnished to the Millsite Area by, for, or at the request of Lessee. Lessee shall keep its interest in the Millsite Area granted by this Lease and the State's title to and interest in the Millsite Area free and clear of any and all mechanic's, mining, labor, or materialmen's liens arising out of or resulting from the performance of labor or services upon or the furnishing of materials to the Millsite Area by, for, or at the request of Lessee, except those liens arising by operation of law for which payment is not yet due. Lessee shall have the right to contest, in the courts or otherwise, the validity or amount of any such lien that may be filed. If and when requested by the Division, Lessee shall post and record notices of non-responsibility for the benefit of the State pursuant to AS 34.35.065 and AS 34.35.150 and any other similar applicable laws.
- c. During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall not allow the State's title to or interest in the Millsite Area to be encumbered by any judgments entered by a court of law against Lessee or Lessee's agents or contractors. If a Lis pendens is filed arising from pending or actual litigation against Lessee or its agents or contractors that

encumbers or purports to encumber the State's title to or interest in any lands within the Millsite Area lands, Lessee shall diligently and with best efforts seek to effect immediate removal of said Lis pendens.

15. Temporary Closure

- a. Lessee shall notify the Division in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to any planned Temporary Closure of ninety (90) days or longer. Lessee shall notify the Division of any unanticipated Temporary Closure expected to last ninety (90) days or more within ten (10) days of the first day of the Temporary Closure. The notice shall state the nature and reason for the Temporary Closure, the anticipated duration of the Temporary Closure, what actions will be taken to comply with Subsection 15(b), and any event which would reasonably be anticipated to result in the resumption or abandonment of Millsite Operations. Millsite Operations must resume for not less than ninety (90) consecutive days in order to terminate the running of the Temporary Closure. If a Temporary Closure extends beyond three (3) years, the Division may deem Millsite Operations to be permanently abandoned or ceased, and whereupon final Reclamation must commence unless otherwise agreed by the parties.
- b. Lessee shall ensure that the Millsite Area and Facilities are maintained in a safe condition during a Temporary Closure and Lessee shall not allow the Millsite Area or Facilities to be degraded/eroded or Facilities to fall into a state of disrepair during or as a result of the Temporary Closure. Action shall be taken to prevent or mitigate any impacts to ground water quality as a result of metals leaching or acid rock drainage. All collection, treatment and monitoring activities required under Millsite Operations shall continue to be performed under any Temporary Closure.

16. Abandonment or Cessation of Operations. Not later than 90 days after the permanent cessation or abandonment of Millsite Operations, Lessee shall notify the Division of the cessation of Millsite Operations.

17. Post-Lease Land Conditions. The parties agree that the conditions to which lands in the Millsite Area must be returned after cessation of Millsite Operations shall be as provided for in the Reclamation Plan as approved by the Division. Because such conditions have formed and will continue to form a material basis for the planning, design, and conduct of both the Mining Operations and Millsite Operations described in and approved in the approved Plan of Operations, any additional cost of incorporating and effecting a significant change in such agreed upon post-Lease land conditions, including but not limited to significant topographic or slope changes not necessary to meet the objectives set forth in the approved Reclamation Plan such that

the Reclamation Plan must be modified to accommodate such change, where such change does not arise or result from a material change in facts or conditions as understood at the time of approval by the parties or a change in law or regulation, shall be paid for by the requesting party.

18. Removal and Reclamation

- a. The removal of all Facilities constructed or placed on the Millsite Area shall be in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the Reclamation Plan, Lessee must reclaim land concurrently with the conduct of Millsite Operations.
- b. All reclamation not accomplished concurrently must be initiated immediately upon a determination by the Division that a Temporary Closure has resulted in permanent abandonment or cessation pursuant to Subsection 15(a) herein, or within three years after permanent abandonment or cessation of Millsite Operations pursuant to Section 16 herein, whichever occurs first.

19. Termination for Breach

- a. If Lessee breaches any of the material terms, covenants, or conditions contained in this Lease and said breach, except as provided in Subsections 19(b) and 19(c) herein, has not been cured to the satisfaction of the Division within sixty (60) days after written notice of such breach has been personally served or mailed by certified mail to Lessee and any assignee of this Lease for security purposes of which the Division has been previously notified by certified mail, the Division may commence an action for forfeiture of Lessee's interest in this Lease.
- b. If a material breach, except as provided in Subsection 19(c) herein, cannot be reasonably cured within sixty (60) days of the written notice, Lessee shall notify the Division within fourteen (14) calendar days of its receipt of the written notice that the breach cannot be cured within sixty (60) days and shall notify the Division of Lessee's timetable to cure the breach. The timetable for cure is subject to Division approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Lessee shall commence to cure the breach within thirty (30) days of the notice of breach and shall proceed diligently and in good faith to continue to cure the breach to the satisfaction of the Division.
- c. If Lessee shall fail to timely pay the Annual Rent and said failure is not cured within ten (10) days after written notice of such failure has been personally served or mailed by certified mail to Lessee and any assignee of this Lease for security purposes of which the Division has been previously notified by certified mail, the Division may initiate an action for forfeiture of Lessee's interest in this Lease. If a good faith attempt to pay the Annual Rent is made and the payment is deficient solely due to the amount paid being less than the amount actually

due, Lessee shall have thirty (30) days to cure such default after notice is given as described in this Section.

- d. Notice of breach or failure under this Section shall specify the default and the applicable Lease provision(s) and shall demand that Lessee cure the default to the satisfaction of the Division within the applicable timeframe.
- e. Except when the breach is the failure to pay the Annual Rent, Lessee may request, in writing, a hearing within fourteen (14) calendar days of Lessee's receipt of a notice of breach. Upon receipt of Lessee's request for a hearing, the time to cure the breach or breaches cited as the cause for proposed action for forfeiture of the interest in this Lease shall be extended until the Director issues a final decision on the proposed action for forfeiture of Lessee's interest in this Lease. Such extension shall not affect Lessee's obligation to proceed to cure any violation or any other responsibilities, obligations, or performance under this Lease or any other permit or authorization affecting the Millsite Area.
- f. The Division will hold the hearing provided for above in subsection (e) within ten (10) business days of the Division's receipt of Lessee's request unless mutually agreed otherwise by the parties. The hearing shall be conducted informally and recorded electronically. The parties may appear in person or through counsel, present evidence and witnesses in their own behalf, and cross-examine opposing witnesses. The Director's decision may be appealed pursuant to 11 AAC 02 et seq.
- g. Upon termination or forfeiture of this Lease, the parties shall be relieved of further rights, obligations, and liabilities under this Lease except for rights, obligations, and liabilities incurred or accrued prior to the date of termination or forfeiture. The termination or forfeiture of this Lease shall not affect Lessee's obligations under the Plan of Operations or any other plan of operations, the Reclamation Plan, or any other permit, lease, or authorization issued by the Division or other agency of federal, state, or local government. If this Lease is terminated prior to completion of Reclamation, Lessee shall complete the requirements of the Plan of Operations or other approved plans of operations, the Reclamation Plan, and such other requirements as the Division may reasonably require to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

20. Release of Interests

- a. Upon receipt of the Division's written concurrence that all accrued Lease obligations and responsibilities have been satisfied with respect to the lands within the Millsite Area, the Lessee shall release and relinquish to the State the lands within the Millsite Area. During the term of this Lease, the Lessee may release and relinquish to the State at any time any State lands subject to this Lease that the Lessee determines are no longer necessary for the Lessee's

Millsite Operations, by obtaining the Division's written concurrence described in this Section. Such release and relinquishment shall be effective as of the date of the Division's written concurrence. The Annual Rent shall be adjusted *pro rata* on an acreage basis to reflect the decrease in acreage leased pursuant to this Lease.

- b. Upon the relinquishment, expiration, termination, or forfeiture of any right or interest in this Lease or in the use of all or any part of the State lands subject to this Lease, Lessee shall promptly execute and deliver to the State a valid instrument of release in recordable form, which must be executed and acknowledged with the same formalities as this Lease. The instrument of release must contain, among other things, appropriate recitals, a description of the pertinent rights and interests, and express representations and warranties by Lessee that it is the sole owner and holder of the right or interest described therein and that such right or interest is free of all liens, equities, or claims of any kind requiring or that may require the consent of a third party claiming in whole or in part by, through, or under Lessee, for the valid release or extinguishment thereof, except for such that are owned or claimed by third parties that have joined in the execution of the release. The form and substantive content of each instrument of release must be approved by the Division, but in no event shall any such instrument operate to increase the existing liabilities and obligations of the Lessee furnishing the release.

21. Indemnification. Lessee assumes all responsibility, risk, and liability for all Millsite Operations and other activities conducted by Lessee in connection with the project described in the Plan of Operations, including but not limited to construction, reclamation, and environmental and Hazardous Substance risks and liabilities, whether accruing during or after the term of this Lease. Lessee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State and its employees from and against any and all suits, claims, actions, losses, costs, penalties, and damages of whatever kind or nature, including all attorney's fees and litigation costs, arising out of, in connection with, or incident to any act or omission by or on behalf of Lessee on the Millsite Area, including acts or omissions of independent contractors, unless the sole proximate cause of the injury or damage is the negligence or willful misconduct of the State or anyone acting on the State's behalf. This indemnification shall survive the termination of the Lease.

22. Guaranty

- a. FGMI shall cause the Parent Entity to provide a guaranty in respect of the performance by FGMI of its obligations and responsibilities under this Lease, including the Reclamation Plan and all permits and authorizations issued by federal,

state, and local governments. The guaranty shall be in the form shown in Exhibit B hereto.

- b. FGMI shall cause the Parent Entity to provide to the Division an opinion of counsel dated the same day as the date of execution of their respective guarantee and satisfactory in form and substance to the Division stating:
 - (1) Parent Entity is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction;
 - (2) The Parent Entity has full power and authority to execute said guaranty of the performance of FGMI of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to this Lease, which power and authority have been duly authorized by all proper and necessary corporate action, and the execution, delivery, and performance by the guarantor of its obligations under this Lease do not require any shareholder approval, and do not contravene any law, regulation, rule, or order binding upon it or its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; and
 - (3) The Parent Entity's execution of said guaranty of the performance of all obligations and responsibilities pursuant to this Lease constitutes the valid, legal, and binding obligation of Parent Entity enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to:
 - i. applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally;
 - ii. laws imposing duties to act in good faith or in a commercially reasonable manner; and
 - iii. laws respecting or affecting the procedural or remedial provisions of this Lease.
- c. FGMI shall cause the Parent Entity to provide to the Division within 30 days of the date of execution of this Lease a copy of Parent Entity's most recent audited annual financial statements filed with securities regulatory authorities having jurisdiction.

23. Modifications

- a. Any request by Lessee for modification of this Lease must be made by written application to the Division. The application must contain a detailed description, justification, maps, plats, and cross-sections as necessary, and copies of concurrent applications for modification of the Plan of Operations or other approved plan of operations, Reclamation Plan, and any other affected permits or authorizations. The Division may request further information and data based on the individual modification requested. For any major or significant modification to this Lease, including but not limited to an increase or decrease in Millsite Area acreage greater than forty (40) acres cumulative except where such

decrease is the result of relinquishment upon completion of Reclamation and all other accrued obligations, or any change in use, the Division, at its option and in its discretion or at Lessee's request, may give public notice, solicit public comment, and hold public hearings. No modification is effective until approved in writing by the Division.

- b. Any revisions, changes, or updates to other permits or authorizations issued by federal, state, or local governments that affect the Millsite Area are automatically incorporated into the responsibilities, requirements, and obligations of this Lease unless otherwise provided in writing by the Division.

24. Conveyance by State

- a. The State may convey all or a portion of its ownership of the Millsite Area at any time to any entity allowed by law. Notice of such conveyance shall be given by certified mail to Lessee no later than thirty (30) days prior to such conveyance. If all or a portion of the State's ownership of the Millsite Area is conveyed or transferred to any other entity the conveyance shall identify this Lease as an encumbrance on the interest conveyed and said conveyance shall be subject to this Lease.
- b. Neither parties' rights, obligations, or responsibilities under this Lease shall be increased or decreased by virtue of any conveyance unless mutually agreed otherwise by the parties. Upon any conveyance of the Millsite Area by the State the provisions of AS 38.05 and 11 AAC that are in effect on the date of such conveyance and which govern the Lease and the conduct of Millsite Operations hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Lease as if fully set forth herein and shall continue to govern the administration, management, and operation of this Lease.

25. Transfer by Lessee

- a. Lessee may transfer all or part of its interest in, to, or under this Lease solely as provided in this Section 25.
- b. Lessee may transfer all or part of its interest in, to, or under this Lease only in conjunction with a similar transfer of all or part of its parent entity interest in, to, or under some or all of the valid Mining Rights.
- c. No Transfer permitted by this Section shall, as between the State and Lessee, relieve Lessee of any liability, whether accruing before or after such Transfer, which arises out of Millsite Operations conducted prior to such Transfer.
- d. Lessee may Transfer less than its entire undivided interest in, to, or under this Lease if such Transfer covers all lands within the Millsite Area, but Lessee may not Transfer any interest in, to, or under this Lease that covers less than all of the lands within the Millsite Area.

- e. Except for a Transfer pursuant to Subsection 25(h) below, no Transfer of any interest in, to, or under this Lease is effective without the express written approval of the Division. The Division is not bound by any Transfer made without its express written approval.
- f. The Division Director will approve a Transfer of this Lease or any interest therein if this Lease is in good standing and the party to whom Lessee proposes to Transfer this Lease or any interest therein:
 - (1) is qualified to assume or acquire all other permits and authorizations necessary to conduct Millsite Operations;
 - (2) is not on notice of default by any governmental regulatory agency on any lease, reclamation bond, or other permits within Alaska, and is not subject to an enforcement action, of which the Division Director has knowledge, for default or breach on any mining lease, reclamation bond, permit, or similar authorization issued by an entity other than the State, including the United States and other states;
 - (3) has committed in writing to be bound by this Lease to the same extent as Lessee; and
 - (4) provides to the Division all proofs of insurance, bonds, or undertakings required by this Lease, including any insurance, bonds, or undertakings required under the Plan of Operations or any other approved plans of operation, the Reclamation Plan, or other permit or authorization then in effect relating to Millsite Operations.
- g. Transfer of all or any of Lessee's interest in, to, or under this Lease does not relieve the Parent Entity or any succeeding guarantor of the obligations of the guaranty unless the requirements for such Transfer of the guaranty as provided in the Parent Entity Guaranty attached hereto as Exhibit B have been satisfied.
- h. If the Transfer is the grant of a security interest by deed of trust, mortgage, pledge, lien, or other encumbrance in or on all or part of Lessee's interest in, to, or under this Lease to secure a loan or other indebtedness of Lessee in a bona fide transaction, such security interest shall be subject to the terms of this Lease. Lessee must notify the Division by certified mail of any security interest granted in Lessee's interest in, to, or under this Lease within ten (10) days of the granting of said security interest. Until such notice is received, the Division is under no obligation to send any notices relating to this Lease to the security interest holder. Upon any foreclosure or other enforcement of a security interest granted in compliance with this subsection, the acquiring third party shall, upon compliance with the requirements of Subsection 25(f) above, be deemed to have assumed the position of Lessee with respect to this Lease.
- i. In the event of a Transfer by Lessee of less than its entire undivided interest in, to, or under this Lease, Lessee and its transferee shall act and be treated as one

party, except that the Division shall be required to deliver copies of all notices permitted or required under this Lease to all parties holding interests in this Lease pursuant to Transfers which have been approved by the Division as provided in this Section or of which the Division has received notice pursuant to Subsection 25(h) above.

26. Corporate Authority; Authorized Representatives

- a. Upon the execution of this Lease, and upon approval of any transfer of interest in this Lease, Lessee or transferee, respectively, shall deliver to the Division a certified copy of a resolution of its board of directors authorizing execution or acceptance of this Lease and naming the officers that are authorized to execute or accept this Lease on behalf of the corporation.
- b. The Division Director and the person executing this Lease, or accepting transfer of interest in this Lease on behalf of Lessee or transferee, respectively will be the authorized representatives of the respective principals for the purposes of administering and enforcing this Lease. The State or Lessee may change the authorized representative or the address to which notices to that Party are to be sent by a notice given in accordance with Section 27 below. Upon commencement of Millsite Operations or approval of transfer of interest in this Lease, Lessee shall also designate by name, job title, and address, an agent and alternate agent who will be present in Alaska during all Millsite Operations.

27. Notice

- a. All notices or other communications required or permitted under this Lease shall be in writing and shall be given;
 - (1) by personal delivery to the respective addressee;
 - (2) by electronic communication, with the original paper document sent immediately by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested;
 - (3) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or
 - (4) by a commercial courier service that maintains a record of delivery.Until changed as provided for herein, all such notices shall be sent to the following respective addresses:

The State:

Director

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070
Anchorage, AK 99501-3579

or
Facsimile: (907) 269-8904
Telephone (907) 269-8600

Fairbanks Gold Mining Corporation:

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc.
#1 Fort Knox Road
Fairbanks, AK 99712
or
Telephone: (907) 490-2207

- b. Any notice shall be effective and deemed delivered:
- (1) if by personal delivery or commercial courier service, on the date of delivery if delivered during normal business hours or on the next business day following delivery if not delivered during normal business hours;
 - (2) if by electronic communication, on the day of receipt at the office of the addressee if received during normal business hours or on the next business day following receipt if not received during normal business hours; and
 - (3) if solely by mail, on the day of actual receipt at the address of the recipient if delivered by the postal service during normal business hours or on the next business day following receipt if not delivered during normal business hours.
28. Statutes and Regulations. This Lease is subject to all applicable federal and state statutes, including federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances in effect on the Effective Date, and, to the extent constitutionally permissible, new statutes, regulations, and ordinances enacted or promulgated after the Effective Date, and changes to existing statutes and regulations made after the Effective Date.
29. Payment to Multiple Parties. In the event that payments initially due to the State under this Lease become payable to two or more parties due to conveyance of lands within the Millsite Area by the State, all parties to whom payment is due shall execute and deliver to Lessee a document designating the amounts of payment due each party and the name and address of each party to whom the payment is due. Until Lessee receives such designation, Lessee shall continue to make all payments to the Division and Lessee shall have no responsibility to see to the division of payments made to the Division in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

30. Denial of Warranty. The State makes no warranties whatsoever, express or implied, including but not limited to any warranties regarding any prior encumbrances on or conditions of the Millsite Area, any warranties regarding title to the Millsite Area, any warranties regarding access to the Millsite Area, any warranties regarding quiet enjoyment of the Millsite Area, or any warranties regarding fitness of the Millsite Area for any use. Lessee is not entitled to any refund of prior Annual Rent(s) paid that are excess due to failure of or deficiency in title.
31. Recording. Upon the execution, acknowledgment, and delivery of this Lease, FGMI at its sole cost will cause this Lease or a memorandum of this Lease signed by all parties hereto to be recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District.
32. Venue; Controlling Law. The venue for any appeal or civil action relating to this Lease shall be in the Fourth Judicial District, State of Alaska. This Lease shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Alaska.
33. Waiver or Forbearance. The receipt or acceptance of the Annual Rent by the Division, with or without knowledge of any breach of the Lease by Lessee, or of any default on the part of Lessee in the observance or performance of any of the terms, conditions or covenants of this Lease, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any of the Division's rights concerning any other defaults unless the contrary effect is expressed in writing and signed by the Division. Any waiver by the Division of any default of Lessee's performance under this Lease must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of the Lease. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy of the Division on any default by Lessee shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.
34. Severability. If any clause or provision herein contained shall be adjudicated to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity or effect of any other clause or provision of this Lease, nor constitute any cause of action in favor of either party as against the other.
35. Merger Clause. This Lease, including all Exhibits hereto, contains the entire agreement of the parties and is binding upon the parties, their successors and assigns with respect to the matters addressed herein.
36. Attorney's Fees. If either party commences a judicial proceeding against the other party arising out of or in connection with this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party full reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit.

- 37. Successors. This Lease and each and every provision therein shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns.
- 38. Section Titles. The section titles in this Lease are for convenience only and have no other significance.

FAIRBANKS GOLD MINING, INC.

By: _____ Date: _____
 Printed Name: _____
 Title; _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of _____)
) ss.
 _____ Judicial District)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2021, at _____, by _____ in his capacity as _____ of Fairbanks Gold Mining Incorporated (FGMI) a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

 Notary in and for
 the State of _____
 My commission expires: _____

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title; Director
Division of Mining, Land & Water

Date: _____
Effective Date of the Millsite Lease

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Alaska)
) ss.
_____ Judicial District)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2020,
at _____ Alaska, by _____ in his
capacity as Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Department of Natural
Resources, State of Alaska.

Notary in and for
the State of Alaska

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

Millsite Area Land Description

The Gil Millsite Lease is described as those lands within the following townships, ranges, and sections.

Township 001 North, Range 003 East, Fairbanks Meridian
Section 11 NW1/4

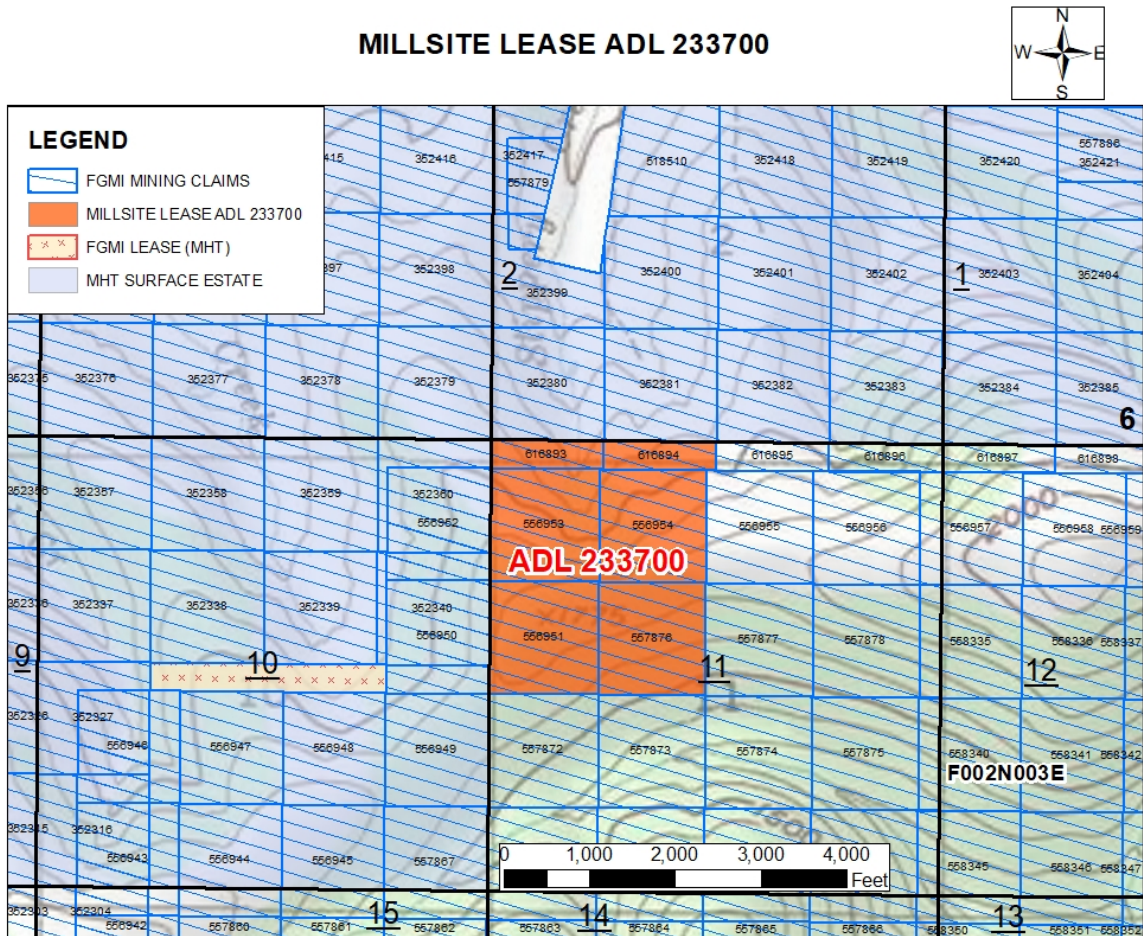


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EXHIBIT B

Parent Entity Guarantee

(To be finalized and signed before issuance of
Millsite Lease)

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EXHIBIT B: PARENT ENTITY GUARANTEE

GUARANTY OF KINROSS GOLD U.S.A., INC.

The State of Alaska ("the State"), acting by and through its Department of Natural Resources (Division of Mining, Land & Water) has requested that Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. give a guaranty of Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) obligations under the Gill Millsite Lease ("Lease") effective as of _____, 2020, by and between the State and FGMI.

Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. at the request of FGMI and the State hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees to the State the full performance, fulfillment and satisfaction of all of the duties, obligations and liabilities of FGMI arising under or pursuant to the Lease.

If for any reason any duty, obligation, or liability of FGMI under the Lease is not performed, fulfilled, or satisfied by FGMI within the time or in the manner required, Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. shall perform, fulfill, or satisfy (or cause to be performed, fulfilled, or satisfied) each of such duties, obligations, and liabilities; provided, however, that (1) the State must first make demand upon FGMI before making demand on Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc.; (2) if FGMI in good faith denies that any such duty, obligation, or liability exists or has not been performed, fulfilled, or satisfied by FGMI within the time or in the manner required, and if FGMI requests a hearing under Section 19 (Termination for Breach) of the Lease, the State must proceed under Section 19(e) and (f) of the Lease before demanding performance, fulfillment, or satisfaction from Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc.; (3) Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. shall be entitled to the benefit of any stay obtained by FGMI under Alaska law, including but not limited to a stay obtained under 11 AAC 02 or any Alaska rule of court but specifically excluding a stay imposed under bankruptcy law; and (4) Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. shall be entitled to any and all benefits arising by virtue of any defense, set-off, counterclaim, or cross-claim available to FGMI except failure of consideration or bankruptcy of FGMI (collectively hereinafter referred to as "defense") except that Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. shall be bound by any prior judicial determination, if any, concerning any such defense asserted by FGMI.

Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. agrees that so long as this Guaranty is in force it shall not dispose of its interest in FGMI and this Guaranty shall not be discharged, limited, or reduced except upon complete performance of the duties, obligations, and liabilities of FGMI guaranteed hereby or upon the full and complete replacement hereof with either

- (A) a guaranty in the same form executed by Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. (1) with a debt to equity ratio of no more than 1 as revealed by the succeeding guarantor's most current year's annual financial statement audited by a certified public accountant prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and providing an unqualified opinion and (2) having or capable of having (as shown by the succeeding guarantor to the reasonable satisfaction of the State) a credit rating from Standard & Poor's or a comparable rating agency equal to or better than BBB, or

- (B) if the proposed replacement guarantor does not meet the tests set out in (A) (1) and (2) above, then (1) a guaranty executed by the proposed replacement guarantor in the same form and (2) a letter of credit issued by a bank, in accordance with 11 AAC 97.410, in an amount equal to Guarantor's share of then current reclamation estimate less amount of bonds and trust monies.

The provisions of the Lease and other state authorizations identified therein may be changed as allowed by law without the consent of or notice to Guarantor and this guaranty shall guarantee the performance of the Lease as changed. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. warrants that it has adequate means to obtain from FGMI on a continuing basis information concerning the Lease and other authorizations identified therein and that it is not relying upon the State to provide such information, now or in the future.

This guaranty shall not be affected by the State's delay or failure to enforce any of its rights except to the extent such delay or failure gives rise to a defense available to FGMI.

If the Lease terminates and the State has any rights against FGMI with respect to any duty, obligation, or liability of FGMI arising under the Lease, the State can enforce those rights against Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc.

Guarantor waives any right it may have to require the State to proceed against or exhaust any bond or other security that the State holds from FGMI or to pursue any other remedy in the State's power. Until all FGMI's obligations under the Lease have been discharged in full, Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. has no right of subrogation against any bond or other security that the State may hold. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. waives all presentments, notices of dishonor, notices of nonperformance, demands for performance except as specified herein, protests, notices of protest and notices of acceptance of the Guaranty.

If FGMI disposes of its interest in the Lease in whole or in part, "FGMI" as used in this guaranty, shall mean FGMI's successors or FGMI and concurrent interest holders, as applicable.

Guarantor hereby waives any defense based upon any act or omission of the State (except acts or omissions in bad faith) which materially increases the scope of Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. risk, including negligent administration of the Lease and other authorizations identified therein.

This Guaranty shall be in addition to and without prejudice to any other security given by anyone (including but not limited to FGMI) to the State and held at any time by the State in connection with any such duty, obligation, and liability.

This Guaranty shall be interpreted, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska. Venue for any civil action relating to this guarantee shall be in the Fourth Judicial District, State of Alaska.

This Guaranty shall be binding upon Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. and the successors and

assigns of Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. and shall inure to the benefit of the State and its successors and assigns. All notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Guaranty shall be in writing and shall be addressed respectively as follows:

GUARANTOR: Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc.

Or

Facsimile:
Telephone:

THE STATE: State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Attn: Director
550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1070
Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 Or
Facsimile: (907) 269-8904
Telephone: (907) 269-8600

All notices shall be given (a) by personal delivery to the addressee, (b) by electric communication, with a confirmation sent by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, or (c) by registered or certified mail return receipt requested. All notices shall be effective and shall be deemed delivered (a) if by personal delivery, on the date of delivery if delivered during normal business hours or on the next business day following delivery if not delivered during normal business hours, (b) if by electronic communication, on the next business day following the day of receipt (said day of receipt being the day of receipt at the office of the recipient) of the electronic communication, and (c) if solely by mail, on the next business day after actual receipt.

This writing is intended by the parties to be the final expression of this Guaranty and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this Guaranty. There are no conditions to the full effectiveness of this Guaranty other than those contained therein.

EXECUTED this__ day of _____,2020, but effective for all purposes as to the Effective Date (as defined in the Lease) of the Lease.

ATTEST

KINROSS GOLD U.S.A., INC.

By: _____

By: _____

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) ss.
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STATE OF NEVADA

THIS CERTIFIES that on the__day of _____, 2020 at _____, Toronto, Ontario, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____, the _____ of _____, a _____ corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and office seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public in and for: _____

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT C

STIPULATIONS

1. The appraisal of the millsite is complete and approved by the Division, per Section 6(a)(1) of the Millsite Lease. The rental amount will be \$12,560.00 due upon approval of the Millsite Lease. Payment must be received by the Department within 30 days of the effective date of the lease. The rental amount is subject to adjustment per the requirement of Section 6(a)(2).
2. The Millsite Lease (ADL 233700) along with the Director's Decision must be recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District prior to conducting any work on the Millsite under the approved Plan of Operations. Failure to record the documents are grounds for termination under Section 19 and 31 of the Millsite Lease.
3. FGMI agrees to remain in good standing with respect to all conditions of the Millsite Lease throughout the term of the lease and to remain qualified to conduct business in Alaska by maintaining their registration with the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development (DCCED) in good standing. Failure to meet these requirements will result in termination of the lease per Section 19 of the Millsite Lease.
4. Historical, Prehistoric, and Archeological Resources. The Alaska Historic Preservation Act (AS 41.35.200) prohibits the appropriation, excavation, removal, injury, or destruction of any State-owned historic, prehistoric (paleontological) or archaeological site without a permit from the DNR Commissioner. If any known or discovered site, structure older than 50 years, or object of historical or archeological significance is discovered during the activities authorized by this Millsite Lease, all activities which would disturb such resources shall be stopped and measures taken to protect the site. The lessee shall report the discovery immediately to the State Historic Preservation Officer and shall make every reasonable effort to protect the site, structure, or object against damage until the State Historic Preservation Officer (Telephone: 907-269-8720) has given directions to its preservation.