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Mark Huffington, Environmental Superintendent Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (Fort Knox Mine) PO Box 73726 Fairbanks, AK 99709-3726

Re: Administrative Continuance for Fort Knox Mine's Waste Management Permit 2014DB0002 – Modification #2

Dear Mr. Huffington:

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program received the above referenced permit application materials on February 22, 2019 and determined that the renewal application is timely. According to regulation, 18 AAC 15.110, a DEC permit remains fully effective and enforceable if a timely application is received, and through no fault of the permittee, DEC does not reissue a replacement permit prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. Therefore, your existing permit will remain effective and enforceable until a replacement permit is issued.

Please note that DEC may request additional information during development of the draft permit to clarify, modify or supplement submitted material. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Pilon at (907) 451-2136 or tim.pilon@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Allan Nakanishi

Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

Mining Section Manager

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