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October 26, 2021

Will Collingwood, Principal Environmental Engineer
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Re: Conditional Approval to Process and Dispose of Gil Project Ore at Fort Knox Mine

Dear Mr. Collingwood:

On October 20, 2021, the department received a submittal from Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) satisfying the requirements of Condition 2.2.5 of Waste Management Permit (WMP) 2020DB0002. Condition 2.2.5 allows the processing and disposal of ore from satellite pits at the Fort Knox Mine provided that there will be insignificant impact on mine closure, reclamation, and water quality.

The department completed its review of the submittal and finds that mine closure, reclamation, and water quality impacts will be insignificant from processing and disposal of Gil Project ore at Fort Knox Mine. **Conditional Approval** under condition 2.2.5 of WMP 2020DB0002 is granted provided that the following stipulations are satisfied.

- Expand Section 5.1 of *Fort Knox Gold Mine Monitoring Plan* (April 2021) by adding requirements to report tailings seepage monitoring graphically in quarterly reports. Specifically, provide graphs for antimony, arsenic, cadmium, copper, mercury, and weak acid dissociable cyanide starting in January 2005 and onward. Demarcate the date when processing of Gil Project ore commenced.
- Submit for department approval of an updated and amended version of *Fort Knox Gold Mine Monitoring Plan* with stipulated changes to Section 5.1.

If you have questions, please contact me at (907) 451-2136 or tim.pilon@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pilon".

Tim Pilon
Engineer II

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