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Brent Martellaro Division Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699

Subject: 2015 Heap Leach Organics Stockpile Location and Trail Reroute

Dear Mr. Martellaro,

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) is requesting a modification to our Plan of Operations for the Fort Knox gold Mine. This modification includes a proposed location to stockpile organics from the remaining heap leach construction. There are approximately 44,000 cy of organics that needs to be stockpiled before 2015 Stage 5 construction of the heap leach pad can start. The proposed organics stockpile will accommodate an additional 135,000 cy. The current organics stockpile, Dump 4, on the attached figure is maxed out.

There is an existing trial that will be covered by the new organics stockpile. We have worked with the trail users in identifying a new connection to the trail system. The trail will be installed utilizing an IronWolf tree mulcher. The trail will be cleared down to the vegetative mat, there will not be a cut and fill volume.

Please reference the attached figures.

There are no wetlands identified in the area of this proposed disturbance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions at 907-490-6184 or email Jennifer.pyecha@kinross.com

Regards.

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