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Subject: Request to Amend Plan of Operations Approval F20209852POA.1 and Reclamation Plan Approval F20209852RPA.1 for processing Manh Choh Satellite Mine ore at the Fort Knox Mine.

Dear Mrs. Kleven:

On April 4, 2023, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Mining Section (DMLW) received correspondence from Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) requesting approval to amend the ***Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Approval (F20209852POA.1) and Reclamation Plan Approval (F20209852RPA.1)*** for construction of mill beneficiation equipment, stockpiling of Manh Choh ore on the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and the disposition of its tailing.

The DMLW Mining section has reviewed the proposed amendment. DMLW Dam Safety, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) have been notified and no objections to the proposed amendment have been received.

The requested amendment to the POO and RPA, as proposed and illustrated in the submission dated March 31, 2023, is hereby approved as **Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Amendment Approval F20209852POOA.2 and Reclamation Plan Approval F20209852RPA.2**. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original POO and RPA Approvals dated July 21, 2021. This change should be accounted for in the next update to the Plan of Operations, the Reclamation and Closure Plan, and the closure cost estimate.

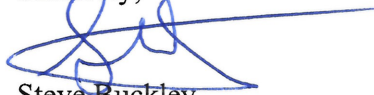
Please be advised that this approval does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

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,



Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of FGMI March 31, 2023, amendment request.

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