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Kevin Eppers Environmental Manager Coeur Alaska, Inc 3031 Clinton Drive, Suite 202 Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval (J201333158)

Dear Mr. Eppers:

The Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DMLW) issued a Reclamation Plan Approval for Kensington Gold Mine for the five-year period from May 3, 2013, through May 3, 2018.

On March 30, 2018, the copy of the 2018 Reclamation and Closure Plan for Kensington Gold Mine was submitted to DMLW. In a letter dated April 25, 2018, DMLW granted an Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval through December 31, 2018. In another letter dated December 5, 2018, DMLW granted a second Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval through December 31, 2021. The Kensington Mine Revised Reclamation and Closure Plan was submitted on August 6, 2021, this plan includes updates for POA-1.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may approve a reclamation plan for any term not to exceed 10 years. Since Coeur Alaska, Inc submitted an application to renew the reclamation plan in a timely manner and because the original term of the reclamation plan approval was for only five years, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby extends the Kensington Gold Mine Reclamation Plan Approval through December 31, 2022, to allow for completion of the agency review and public process associated with the renewal of the reclamation plan.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of issuance of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC .2.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this

decision to superior court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Brent Martellaro at 907-451-2788.

Sincerely

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