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Subject: Extension of the Niblack Underground Exploration Project Reclamation Plan Approval (J20182711RPA)

Dear Ms. Neale:

On March 2, 2023, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) - Mining Section received your request to extend the ***Niblack Underground Exploration Project Reclamation Plan Approval J20182711RPA (RPA)***. This extension request was submitted timely and included expectations for submission of an updated financial assurance cost estimate by April 30, 2024 and reclamation plan renewal submission not later than March 14, 2025. The current RPA expires on April 30, 2023.

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. This extension does not exceed the allowed 10-year maximum regulatory period for RPA (J20182711RPA).

In order to allow for the continuation of your operations, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DMLW) administratively extends the RPA (J20182711RPA) until April 30, 2025. This extension is contingent upon timely receipt of the updated financial assurance cost estimate by April 30, 2024. This extension to the RPA should be sufficient to allow for a thorough review of the complete submission and resolution of any requests for information or updates to the plan and cost estimates, and to accommodate a coordinated public notice process. DMLW may provide for additional administrative extensions at its discretion.

Please be advised that this authorization 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 approval, please contact William Groom at 907-451-2788

Sincerely,



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