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File No.: 3130-1R COE

SUBJECT: Niblack Anchorage, Niblack Mining Corporation (POA-2006-511)

Michelle Nordhougen Department of the Army U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska Regulatory Branch P.O. Box 6898 Elmendorf, AK 99506-6898

Dear Ms. Nordhougen:

We have reviewed the referenced project for conflicts with cultural resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This project was received as a Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification under Nationwide Permit # 14 Linear Transportation Projects, referencing a proposal by the Niblack Mining Corporation to place 19 twenty-four inch diameter culverts within a temporary road. The following Alaska Heritage Resource Survey Site is located near the proposed activities:

• CRG-042, Niblack, a mining camp, established in 1901.

This historic archaeological site has not yet been evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and should be considered potentially eligible as a historic property. As it is illegal to disturb historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act, we ask that Niblack Mining and its employees avoid this site and other historic features that may be nearby.

Occasionally, during a project, cultural resources are inadvertently discovered as a result of ground altering activities. If this situation occurs, work that may disturb these resources should be stopped. The State Historic Preservation Office should be contacted immediately so that compliance with Section 106 and its implementing regulations may begin. Provided that the applicant avoids disturbing this site, we concur that No Historic Properties will be Affected.

Please contact John Breiby at 269-8717 if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Bittner

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Cc: Niblack Mining Corp. (via email: dgreen@niblackmining.com)

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