

Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER Mining Section

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Subject: Extension of the Palmer Project Hardrock Exploration Reclamation Plan Approval (APMA J20195690)

Dear Mr. Brenner,

As discussed during our November 16, 2023 conference call regarding Constantine's 2024 Application for Permits to Mine in Alaska (APMA) submission and due to the impending expiration of the APMA J20195960 Reclamation Plan Approval (RPA)¹ at the end of this year, this correspondence is to advise you of the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW)'s decision regarding an administrative extension. The current RPA expires on December 31st, 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 Reclamation Plan Approval (APMA J20195690).

In order to allow for the continuation of your operations, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DMLW) administratively extends the Reclamation Plan Approval (J20195690) until April 30, 2024. This extension to the RPA should be sufficient to allow for a thorough review of the complete submission² and resolution of any requests for information or updates to the plan; while maintaining compliance with AS 27.19.030 and allowing for ongoing participation in the Statewide Bonding Pool. 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.

Appeal: 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

¹ Including participation in the Statewide Reclamation Bonding Pool under AS 27.19.040(b).

² Anticipated in January 2024

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.

Sincerely,

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