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**Re: Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo, LLC (Pogo)
Plan of Operations - Application for Renewal**

Dear Kyle:

I am writing to follow-up on the November 8, 2016 meeting regarding the renewal of Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo, LLC's (Pogo) Plan of Operations and to request a short extension of time to submit updated mine reclamation and ROW reclamation cost estimates and an updated Reclamation and Closure Plan in support of the renewal application.

Under Pogo's Plan of Operations Approval (F20129500), Pogo's application for renewal must be submitted no later than January 6, 2017 (30 days before the expiration date of the Plan of Operations Approval).

Pogo has engaged SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc. (SRK) to update the mine reclamation and ROW reclamation cost estimates using the Standard Reclamation Cost Estimator (SRCE) Model. SRK is also updating Pogo's Reclamation and Closure Plan.

The SRCE Model was not previously used to develop the mine reclamation and ROW reclamation cost estimates in the current Plan of Operations Approval. SRK has indicated that additional time is needed to convert the mine reclamation and ROW reclamation cost estimates to the SRCE Model and update the Reclamation and Closure Plan. SRK anticipates that it will have the updated mine reclamation and ROW reclamation cost estimates and the updated Reclamation and Closure Plan completed no later than February 7, 2017.

No later than January 6, 2017, Pogo will submit its application for renewal without the cost estimates and the updated Reclamation and Closure Plan. Pogo requests an extension to February 15, 2017 to submit the updated cost estimates and the updated Reclamation and Closure Plan. We believe this request is reasonable and is not made for any purpose of delay.

Pogo understands that until the Department of Natural Resources issues a new approval, the existing Plan of Operations Approval continues to remain in effect.

We appreciate the Department of Natural Resources' consideration of this request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at keri.depalma@smmpogo.com; (907)-895-2879.

Sincerely,

Keri DePalma, CPG
Environmental Manager

cc: Tim Pilon; ADEC via email