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Sally McLeod
Environmental Superintendent
Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC
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Re: Request for Amendment (Rev 4) to Plan of Operations F20129500 by Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Pogo) for Upgrade to Section of Off River Treatment Works (ORTW) Pipeline

Dear Ms. McLeod,

The Division of Mining, Land & Water received correspondence from you dated October 4, 2012, requesting an amendment to the Pogo Plan of Operations to authorize the upgrade of 9,500 feet of ORTW pipeline to a 10-inch HDPE SDR 17 (pressure rating 100 psi), with three inches of insulation under an HDPE outer wrap with two heat trace runs. We understand the original 6-inch pipe will be left in place to serve as a backup line.

We reviewed the requested amendment and the submitted drawing, **Drawing C1.0: Layout Plan**, and consulted with the Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation and Fish & Game.

The requested amendment to your Plan of Operations (F20129500), as described and illustrated in your October 4, 2012 submittal, is hereby approved. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations Approval dated February 7, 2012.

We understand this upgrade will be accounted for in the next update to the Reclamation and Closure Plan and Standardized Reclamation Cost Estimate (SRCE).

Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if wetlands are involved.

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

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 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, 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.

Sincerely,



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