

PUBLIC NOTICE – POGO MINE

Renewal Application and Draft State Decisions

Pogo is an underground gold mine located on state land 38 miles northeast of Delta Junction, Alaska and 85 miles east-southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The project applicant, Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC, updated the mine's Plan of Operations and supporting documents for the current operation and requested the renewal of state authorizations.

On December 13, 2011 the State of Alaska is releasing application renewal documents for Pogo's existing mining operation and the following draft state decisions for a 30-day public review and comment period:

- Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, **draft Plan of Operations Approval (F20129500)**. The Plan of Operations includes the **Pogo Reclamation and Closure Plan** and closure cost estimate.
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water, **draft Waste Management Permit No. 2011DB0012** for the disposal of mine tailings, waste rock, and other mine-related wastes from the Pogo Mine.

Note: Sumitomo has notified the state they intend to request an amendment to their Plan of Operations for an expansion of the drystack tailings facility from the current 7 million tons to 20 million tons. A separate public comment period will be used to address this proposed amendment, likely within the 1st quarter of 2012.

HOW TO COMMENT

Copies of the application renewal documents and draft state decisions may be obtained on-line at:

www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/pogo/

Hard copies are also available for review at the following locations:

AK Dept. Environmental Conservation / Fairbanks (610 University Ave.)

AK Dept. Environmental Conservation / Anchorage (555 Cordova St.)

AK Dept. Natural Resources / Fairbanks (3700 Airport Way)

AK Dept. Natural Resources / Anchorage (550 W. 7th Ave. 9th Fl.)

Delta Community Library / across from Delta Junction City Hall (2291 Deborah St.)

WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
January 12, 2012 5:00pm AKST

Send written comments by mail, email or fax to:

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