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Attention: Mr. Makoto Umedera, P.E.

RE: Extension of the *Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam No. FY2011-14-AK00304*

Dear Mr. Umedera:

The Dam Safety and Construction Unit of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR Dam Safety) is herein granting Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC (Sumitomo) an administrative extension until December 31, 2013, for the *Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam No. FY2011-14-AK00304*. This certificate was due to expire on September 6, 2013.

On August 20, 2013 we received your draft Periodic Safety Inspection (PSI) report from the inspection conducted by Golder Associates on June 18, 2013 ("Periodic Safety Inspection Report No. 3 – Recycle Tailings Pond Dam, Alaska Jurisdictional Dam No. AK00304, Pogo Mine, Alaska"). The administrative extension will allow time for the review of the draft report by ADNR and finalization of the report by Golder Associates. In the meantime, a current O&M Manual for the Pogo RTP Dam should be submitted by Sumitomo.

A new *Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam* shall be issued with revised special conditions based on information contained in the current O&M Manual and approved PSI. A draft version will be provided for your review in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Alaska Dam Safety Program. Your attention to this important aspect of the Pogo Mine Project is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles F. Cobb".

Charles F. Cobb, P. E.
State Dam Safety Engineer

cc: David W. Schade, ADNR
State of Alaska LMPT