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December 2001 Application to Amend the True North Plan of Operations

On December 21, 2001, Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) submitted an application to the State of Alaska for an amendment to their Plan of Operations for the True North Mine to allow for mining of additional ore reserves. On this page, you will find the public notice for the application and the public meeting, and links to download the major documents (click here to go directly to documents).

TRUE NORTH PROJECT AMENDMENT

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE of PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, January 31, 2002 Carlson Center-Pioneer Room Fairbanks

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) has submitted an application to the State of Alaska for an amendment to their Plan of Operations for the True North Mine to allow for mining of additional ore reserves.

The proposed amendment would authorize FGMI's expansion of the existing Hindenberg pit to mine additional ore reserves. The proposed modification would extend the mine life from 2003, as originally planned, to 2004. FGMI would maintain the same rate of ore haulage to the Fort Knox mill. The method of mining also remains the same. The ore would continue to be processed at the Fort Knox mill. The proposed amendment would increase total upland disturbance by 393 acres and wetland disturbance by 193 acres.

The True North Project is within the Chatanika River watershed located on the northwest flank of Pedro Dome approximately 25 miles northeast of Fairbanks. The project site is located entirely on State, University of Alaska, and Mental Health Trust lands.

The application for this amendment is currently being reviewed by state agencies and the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). FGMI has submitted an application to the ACOE for a permit to authorize filling of

wetlands. For more information on the ACOE permit application, please contact Mr. Victor O. Ross at 907-753-2724.

DNR is soliciting comments on the application submitted by FGMI. Copies of the application are available for review at the DNR offices listed below or on DNR's website at <u>www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/lg_mine.htm</u>. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm, Tuesday February 19, 2002, in order to be considered. Comments should be submitted at the public meeting, or to Tom Crafford at the address listed below.

For more information, please contact:

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DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING:

- <u>True North Project Description and Transportation Plan</u> <u>Amendments</u>
- <u>True North Project Reclamation Plan</u> (all in one file)
 - (Excerpts from the Reclamation Plan for faster downloading).
 - Reclamation Plan <u>Main Body</u>
 - Reclamation Plan <u>Appendix B</u>
 - Reclamation Plan <u>Appendix C</u>
 - Reclamation Plan <u>Appendix D</u>
 - True North Project Monitoring Plan

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