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June 25, 2018

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**Subject: Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Amendment 12 Approval
F20149852POOA.12 and Reclamation Plan Approval Amendment 3
F20149852RCPA.3 for Additional Acres of Disturbance associated with the Phase 9
Expansion**

Dear Mr. Huffington:

On June 13, 2018, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) received correspondence from Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) dated June 8, 2018, requesting approval to amend the *Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Amendment Approval F20149852POO (POOA)* for additional acreage to be disturbed to support Phase 9 expansion.

The DMLW understands this request includes the potential to clear and grub a combined total of 10.57 acres, and that FGMI will stockpile all organic material for future reclamation.

The DMLW Mining section has reviewed the proposed amendment. The Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and Fish & Game (ADF&G) have been notified and no objections to the proposed amendment have been submitted.

The requested amendment to the POOA and the RCPA as proposed and illustrated in the submission dated June 8, 2018 is hereby approved as *Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Amendment Approval F20149852POOA.12 (POOA)* and *Fort Knox Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan Approval F20149852RCPA.3 (RCPA)*. Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original POO Approval and the original RCP Approval dated March 28, 2014. These changes should be accounted for in the next update to the Plan of Operations, the Reclamation and Closure Plan, and the closure cost estimate.

Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

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© and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st calendar 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.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of FGMI's June 8, 2018 amendment request

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June 8, 2018

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Re: FGMI Phase 9 Pit Expansion Minor Modification

Dear Mr. Moselle:

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) is requesting a minor modification to the previously approved Plan of Operations Amendment for the Phase 9 pit expansion on January 26, 2018. FGMI is requesting approval for an additional 10.57 acres to be included in the Phase 9 pit expansion. The areas are highlighted in yellow on the attached Phase 9 Pit Expansion, May 21, 2018 figure.

There are no wetlands identified in the additional 10.57-acre expansion request.

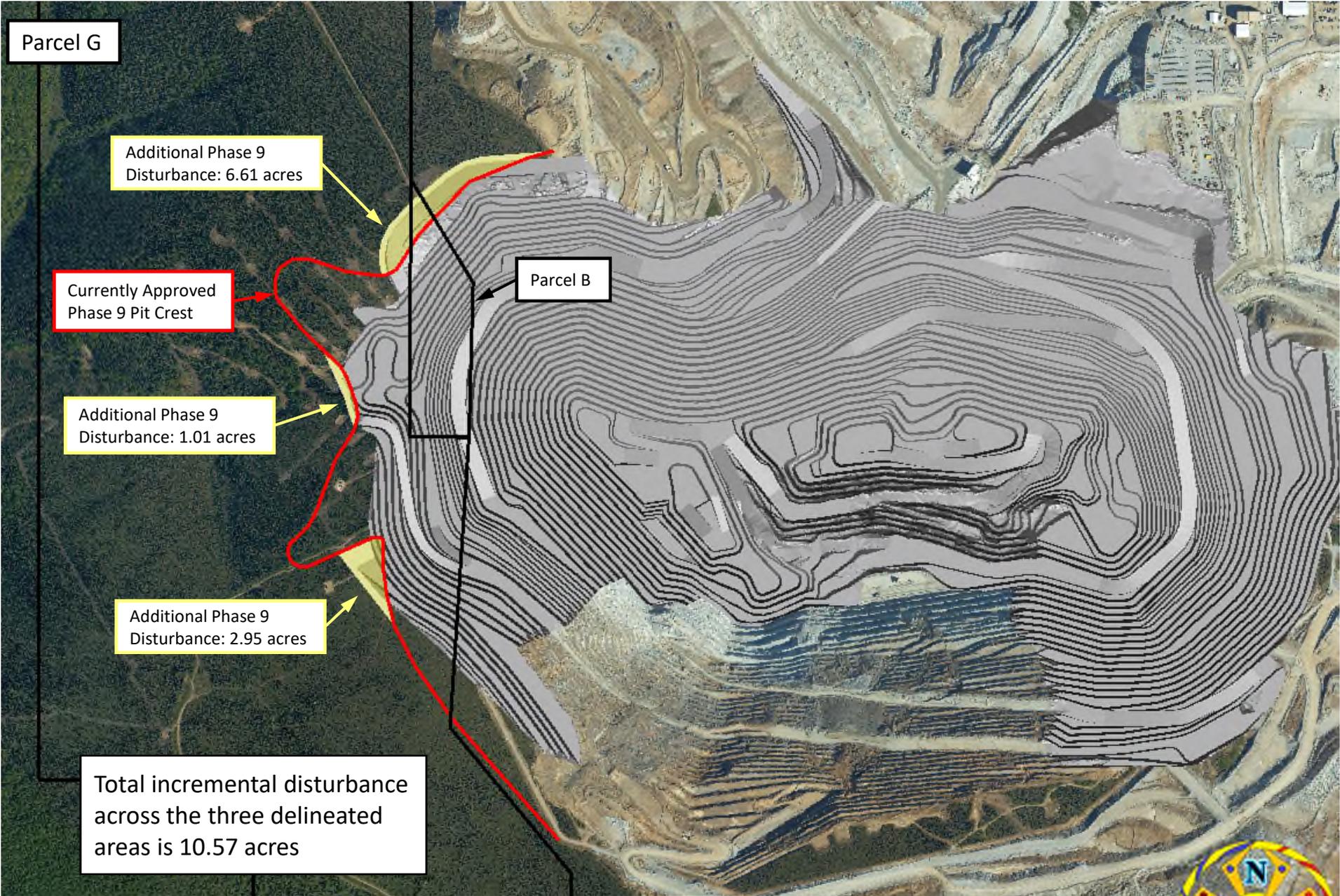
Should you have any questions, please contact me at 970-490-2287 or mark.huffington@kinross.com.

Sincerely,



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Phase 9 Pit Crest Expansion	Date: 05-21-18
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