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1200 West 73rd Avenue, Suite 1100
Vancouver, BC, V6P 6G5, Canada
Attention: Richard Goodwin, President and COO

Re: Extension of the Nixon Fork Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (A20065562)

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

The current Reclamation Plan Approval (A20065562) was administratively extended to December 31, 2011 to allow for completion of document revision, agency review and the public process associated with the reissuance of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) Reclamation Plan Approval and other project authorizations. You submitted revised and updated versions of the Plan of Operations, Monitoring Plan, Reclamation Plan and Reclamation Cost Estimates on November 14th. We have worked with the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to complete the review of the revised Reclamation Closure Cost Estimate and expect to provide interim approval of a financial assurance amount this week. Thank you for your efforts to revise the cost estimate; we found the format and supporting documentation greatly improved. This approval by the ADNR is considered interim pending completion of the upcoming public review associated with the renewal of the ADNR Reclamation Plan Approval and the ADEC Waste Management Permit. This interim approval should allow you to work with the BLM to secure the revised financial assurance so that you can receive BLM approval to initiate operation of your CIL Circuit.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water hereby administratively extends the current Nixon Fork Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (A20065562) until March 31, 2012 to allow for completion of the public process associated with the reissuance of the Reclamation Plan Approval and other project authorizations.

If this office can be of any additional service, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 269-8621 or Stephanie Lovell at (907) 458-6885.

Sincerely,



Rick Fredericksen, Mining Section Chief
Division of Mining, Land & Water

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