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NovaGold Resources Inc.
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Attention: Ron Rimelman

Re: Extension of the Rock Creek & Big Hurrah Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578)

Dear Mr. Rimelman:

The current Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578) was issued effective from August 9, 2006 to August 8, 2011. You submitted a revised and updated draft of the Reclamation Plan in April 2011, a second revision to the DRAFT Rock Creek Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan was received July 8th and a final revision and closure cost estimate was submitted on October 24th.

The Rock Creek Mine is currently in care and maintenance status pending approval of final facility reclamation and closure plans. The Division of Mining, Land and Water hereby administratively extends the current Rock Creek & Big Hurrah Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval (F20069578) until March 31, 2012 in order to allow for completion of agency review and any public process associated with the reissuance of the Reclamation Plan Approval.

If this office can be of any additional service, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 269-8621 or Steve McGroarty at (907) 451-2795.

Sincerely,



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

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