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March 31, 2017

Tim Havey, Environmental Manager
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RE: EXTENSION OF LAND USE PERMITS

APPLICATION FOR PERMITS TO MINE IN ALASKA (APMA #A20146118)

APPLICATION FOR PERMITS TO MINE IN ALASKA (APMA #A20122788)

Dear Mr. Havey,

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, "*The Department*," received your timely application for continuing care, maintenance, and reclamation on October 13, 2016 and a request to consolidate those activities currently authorized via A20146118¹ and A20122788² entirely within a single authorization (6118) moving forward.

The Department received many substantive comments on some complex issues and extended the existing authorizations on December 23, 2016 until March 31, 2017. The Department is finalizing its decision following a comprehensive review of the application and comments. Due to the impending expiration of both existing Land Use Permits referenced above, the Division is extending the current permits pursuant to 11 AAC 96.040(c)³.

The existing Land Use Permits for Hardrock Exploration and Reclamation⁴ are hereby extended until the Department issues the decision on your application in approximately one week. All terms and conditions of the permits remain valid and no change to the originally permitted activity as described in the above referenced applications is approved at this time.⁵ Any request for changes shall be submitted to this office in writing and shall be approved in advance before such work or modification can begin.

Operations conducted under this extension shall be conducted in conformance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations now, or hereafter, in effect during the life of the authorization. Be advised the issuance of this extension does not relieve you of the responsibility of securing other permits required by Federal, State, or local authorities. Neither does this approval constitute certification of any property right nor land status claimed by the applicant.

¹ Issued by the Division on May 14, 2015, extended by the Division on December 23, 2016 until March 31, 2017.

² Issued by the Division on May 12, 2012, extended by the Division on December 23, 2016 until March 31, 2017.

³ 11 AAC 96.040(c) "the permit may be extended for any number of consecutive periods, each period not to exceed one year."

⁴ APMA A20146118 & APMA A20122788.

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(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99701; faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brent Goodrum", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brent Goodrum
Director, Division of Mining, Land & Water