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March 31, 2018

Tim Havey, Environmental Manager
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3201 C Street, Suite 404
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**RE: EXTENSION OF LAND USE PERMIT: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO MINE IN
ALASKA (APMA #A20176118)**

Dear Mr. Havey,

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, "*The Department*," received your application for hard rock exploration, continuing care, maintenance, and reclamation on December 8, 2017.

The Department received your request to extend the existing authorization on December 15, 2017 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 the existing Land Use Permit referenced above, the Division is extending the current permit pursuant to 11 AAC 96.040(c)¹.

The existing Land Use Permit for Hardrock Exploration and Reclamation² is hereby extended until the Department issues the decision on your application in approximately 14 days. All terms and conditions of the permit remain valid and no change to the originally permitted activity as described in the above referenced applications is approved at this time. 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 permit required by Federal, State, or local authorities. Neither does this approval constitute certification of any property right nor land status claimed by the applicant.

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 public notice of this decision, 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 public notice. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to

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

² APMA A20176118

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 for". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the word "for" written in a simpler, more legible script.

Brent Goodrum
Director, Division of Mining, Land & Water