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Coeur Alaska
3031 Clinton Drive, Suite 202
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Attention: Kevin Eppers

Re: Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Eppers:

The Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW) issued a Reclamation Plan Approval for the Kensington Gold Mine Project for a six-year period from June 3, 2005 to June 3, 2011.

The 2011 Reclamation and Closure Plan Update for the Kensington Gold Project was provided to the agencies on May 3, 2011. Consolidated State Agency comments were provided to Coeur on August 4th and Coeur provided a response to these comments on December 20, 2011. Due to the continued review and revision of the Plan, the DMLW extended the approval on March 6, 2012 and again on July 17, 2012.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may approve a reclamation plan for any term not to exceed 10 years. Given that Coeur submitted an application to renew the Reclamation Plan in a timely manner, continues to work with the agencies on the revision of the Plan and Cost Estimate, and because the original term of the reclamation plan approval was for only six years, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby extends the Kensington Gold Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval through June 30, 2013 to allow for completion of the current agency review and public process associated with the renewal of the Reclamation Plan.

If this office can be of any additional service, please do not hesitate to contact David Wilfong at (907) 465-3404.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles J. Ireys".

Charles J. Ireys
Acting Mining Section Chief
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