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ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

PROJECT TITLE: **Niblack Anchorage (Mine Exploration Phase)**

STATE ID NUMBER: **AK 0704-03J**

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: **Niblack Mining Corporation**

AGENT: **Darwin Green** Phone: (604) 484-5045 Fax: (604) 686-0279 Email: dgreen@niblackmining.com

DIRECT FEDERAL ACTION: **No**

REVIEW TYPE: **Consistency**

ACTIVITY TYPE: **MINING - HARDROCK**

PROJECT LOCATION:

Nearest Coastal District: **Ketchikan Gateway Borough**
Project is **OUTSIDE** the District Coastal Zone Boundary
District Plan Approved? **Yes**

REVIEW SCHEDULE: **50 Days**

REVIEW MILESTONES:

Day 1:	4/23/2007
Reviewer Request for Additional Information on or before:	5/17/2007
ACMP Consistency Comments Due to OPMP on or before:	5/23/2007
Proposed Consistency Determination Issued on or before:	6/6/2007
Final Consistency Determination Issued on or before:	6/12/2007

PREVIOUS OR RELATED PROJECT REVIEW STATE ID#S: **AK 0703-01J, AK 9604-06J**

STATE AND FEDERAL APPROVALS:

STATE	DEC	401 CERTIFICATION	
STATE	DEC	INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	
STATE	DEC	WASTEWATER TREATMENT & DISPOSAL	
STATE	DNR	MINING RECLAMATION PLAN	J072711
STATE	DNR	TIDELANDS LEASE	ADL 107544
STATE	DNR	TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT	J2007-01
FEDERAL	COE	SECTIONS 404 & 10 MODIFICATIONS	POA-1982-0290-N

Federal Deadline: 10/23/2007

ACMP Deadline: 7/22/2007

23-April-2007

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April 23, 2007

Mr. Darwin Green
Niblack Mining Corporation
800 West Pender Street – Suite 615
Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 2V6

Dear Mr. Green:

**Subject: Niblack Anchorage (Mining Exploration Phase)
State I.D. No. AK 0704-03J
Start of ACMP Review**

The Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP) has received the Coastal Project Questionnaire (CPQ) and consistency certification, applications, and supporting information you submitted for Niblack Mining Corporation's (NMC) proposed mine exploration phase within the bay known as Niblack Anchorage on southeast Prince of Wales Island near Moira Sound, in Southeast Alaska. OPMP is coordinating a review for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) (AS 46.40). This letter initiates the State of Alaska review of this proposed project under the schedule and process described in State regulations (11 AAC 110) and includes a summary of the scope of the project and the review process.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT SUBJECT TO REVIEW:

The "Niblack Project" is a copper-gold-silver prospect in an advanced exploration phase of development. The proposed underground exploration project is located off Moira Sound in Niblack Anchorage on southeastern Prince of Wales Island, approximately 30 air miles from the community of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The applicant, Niblack Mining Corporation, proposes to develop 6,000 feet of underground tunneling from a single adit entry. The main focus of the underground work is to provide access for exploration drilling to test deep zones of mineralization. The project is expected to last 2 years. It will require a marine access and camp barge facility on the adjacent state-owned tide and submerged lands. Other surface disturbances including an access road, portal, and waste rock storage and disposal areas will be confined to private property.

Total surface disturbance requiring post-closure reclamation is approximately 5.5 acres. The proposed underground excavation will generate about 60,900 cubic yards of waste rock, most of

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which is benign. Approximately 14,300 cubic yards is potentially acid-generating (PAG) material which will be placed in an engineered, lined 0.85-acre storage facility. At the end of the exploration period, all PAG waste rock will be picked up and transferred back underground and the adit will be sealed.

Background Information -

In 1996 Abacus Minerals Corporation proposed an uplands crew camp site for support of their continued exploratory work at the mine site. This camp site was reviewed for consistency with the ACMP in 1996 under “AK 9604-06J”. NMC has recently acquired the Niblack Anchorage assets of Abacus Minerals Corporation.

Additional Review Information –

The Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) has developed the Large Mine Project Team (LMPT) approach to reviewing larger mining projects that may require multiple Federal and State authorizations to cover proposed activities within the State of Alaska. The Niblack Mine in Southeast Alaska has been handled by the various State agencies in this LMPT-coordinated scenario. For projects that are sited within the coastal zone of Alaska and require an ACMP consistency review for Federal or State authorizations, the ADNR’s Office of Project Management and Permitting’s (OPMP) LMPT Project Manager (in this case Mr. Bob Tsigonis) is the coordinator of all facets of mine project permit review – including the ACMP consistency review. Contact information for Mr. Tsigonis is provided below.

The links to documents related to this LMPT and ACMP consistency review have been posted on the ADNR web site at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/niblack/>. Other public notice sites are mentioned under the heading “Review Process” below.

SCOPE OF PROJECT TO BE REVIEWED:

The scope of the project subject to the consistency review includes all Federal and selected State applications and supporting documents submitted to gain authorizations for this proposed underground exploratory phase of the development of the Niblack Mine and support facilities on the uplands and tide and submerged lands within Niblack Anchorage in Southeast Alaska.

The water quality authorizations from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) will not be within the scope of this coordinated ACMP consistency review, but rather will be the subject of a review process coordinated directly by ADEC. OPMP encourages those individuals who wish to comment on the activities covered under the ADEC authorizations to send written comments to:

State of Alaska ADNR and DEC Permits
ATTN: Mr. Bob Tsigonis – Project Manager
ADNR Office of Project Management and Permitting
3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
Telephone: (907) 374-3708, FAX: (907) 451-2703
Email: bob_tsigonis@dnr.state.ak.us

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REVIEW PROCESS:

OPMP distributed the packet of information you submitted to the following review participants: Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), the Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP), and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Coastal District (the nearest approved coastal district). A notice was posted on April 23, 2007 on the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' (ADNR) Public Notice website [www.dnr.state.ak.us/pic/pubnotfrm.htm], the Ketchikan City Library, at the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors offices, and at the Ketchikan Coastal District offices. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Public Notice for the proposed modifications to existing USACE Section 404 and 10 permits was issued on April 23, 2007.

OPMP encourages those individuals who wish to provide ACMP consistency comments on the activities within the scope of the ACMP consistency review to send their written comments to:

State of Alaska ADNR and DEC Permits
ATTN: Mr. Bob Tsigonis – Project Manager
ADNR Office of Project Management and Permitting
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Telephone: (907) 374-3708, FAX: (907) 451-2703
Email: bob_tsigonis@dnr.state.ak.us

AUTHORIZATIONS:

The project must be found consistent with the ACMP before the following Federal and State and authorizations may be issued:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Section 10 Permit No. POA-1982-0290-N (Modifications)

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Industrial Solid Waste Disposal Authorization
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Authorization

Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR)
Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW)
Mining Reclamation Plan - J072711
Tidelands Lease - ADL 107544
Temporary Water Use Permit - J2007-01

Please note that, in addition to their consistency review, State agencies with permitting responsibilities will evaluate this proposed project according to their specific permitting authorities. Agencies will issue permits and authorizations only if they find the proposed project complies with their statutes and regulations in addition to being consistent with the coastal program. Applicants may not use any State land or water without ADNR authorization.

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REVIEW SCHEDULE:

OPMP is coordinating the consistency review of this project under a 50-day review schedule. Review deadlines are listed below and on the enclosed Project Data Sheet.

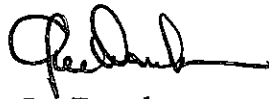
Request for additional information:	5/17/2007
Comment deadline:	5/23/2007 no later than 5:00 p.m.
Proposed determination:	6/6/2007
Final determination:	6/12/2007

State review participants will evaluate this proposed project for consistency with the enforceable policies of the ACMP that include statewide standards in 11 AAC 112, and enforceable policies of an affected coastal district's coastal management program. Also, the public may submit comments regarding the consistency of the project with the ACMP.

OPMP will give careful consideration to all comments. The proposed consistency determination will notify you of the State's concurrence with or objection to your certification. If the State objects, the consistency determination may include alternative measures required to make the proposed project consistent with the ACMP. You may choose to adopt the alternative measures, or propose other modifications that would achieve consistency for the State to consider.

By a copy of this letter OPMP is informing both Federal and State agencies that the State has begun its consistency review of this project. We encourage you to visit OPMP's web site [www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us] for more information about the ACMP. The web site contains the State's consistency review regulations 11 AAC 110, links to the public notice for this project, and other information. Please contact me at 465-4664, or email joe_donohue@dnr.state.ak.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joe Donohue
ACMP Project Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Packet Distribution List



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145)
CEPOA-RD
Post Office Box 6898
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-0898

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: April 23, 2007
EXPIRATION DATE: May 23, 2007
REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-1982-290-N
WATERWAY: Moira Sound

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

APPLICANT: Niblack Mining Corporation, 615-800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2V6

AGENT: Mr. Rick Richins, RTR Resource Management, 1109 West Main Street, Suite 480, Boise, Idaho 83702; phone (208) 343-8727.

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within Section 34, T. 78 S., R. 88 E., Copper River Meridian; Latitude 55.0667° N., Longitude 132.1461° W.; in Niblack Anchorage, off of Moira Sound on Prince of Wales Island.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is for safe personnel and equipment access. The proposed marine barge landing facility and dock is also needed to ensure safe and reliable off-loading of industrial equipment required to develop the underground workings which are needed for the mineral exploration activities by Niblack Mining Corporation on the adjoining Niblack property.

PROPOSED WORK: The following work is proposed:

- Construct a 24-foot wide by 60-foot long barge and landing craft ramp. Approximately 500 cubic yards of fill would be placed below the high tide line for the ramp;
- Construct a 10-foot by 100-foot pile supported walkway;
- Construct a 5-foot by 70-foot float ramp;
- Construct a 10-foot by 225-foot pile-supported steel and wood float; and
- Moor a 50-foot by 150-foot camp barge.
- Install twelve 16-inch steel piles to support the structures.
- Install a one-inch water line to supply the camp barge with water for domestic use. The water line would be attached to the walkway and floats.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A permit modification for temporary facilities adjacent to this site was authorized under POA-1982-290-M, on April 16, 2007. The applicant anticipates using the temporary site until they are able to obtain permanent authorizations.

The applicant has supplied an updated reclamation plan and bond calculation for the Niblack Project to the Alaska Division of Mining, Land and Water. An authorization from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, must be issued for the exploration project. For information on the State program you may contact Mr. Bob Tsigonis at 907-374-3708. Copies of the complete State permit application can be found at Alaska Division of Mining, Land and Water in Fairbanks and in Anchorage. In addition, the State web page has the application information and is available for viewing at: www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/niblack. For additional information from Niblack Mining Corporation, you may contact Mr. Rick Richins at (208) 343-8727.

MITIGATION: Pile-supported structures are being proposed to the maximum extent possible. In addition, the mining camp is being proposed as a float camp, reducing impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area. Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Preliminarily, the described activity may affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. If further information is desired concerning this notice, please contact Ms. Nicole Hayes at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at nicole.m.hayes@poa02.usace.army.mil.

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AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

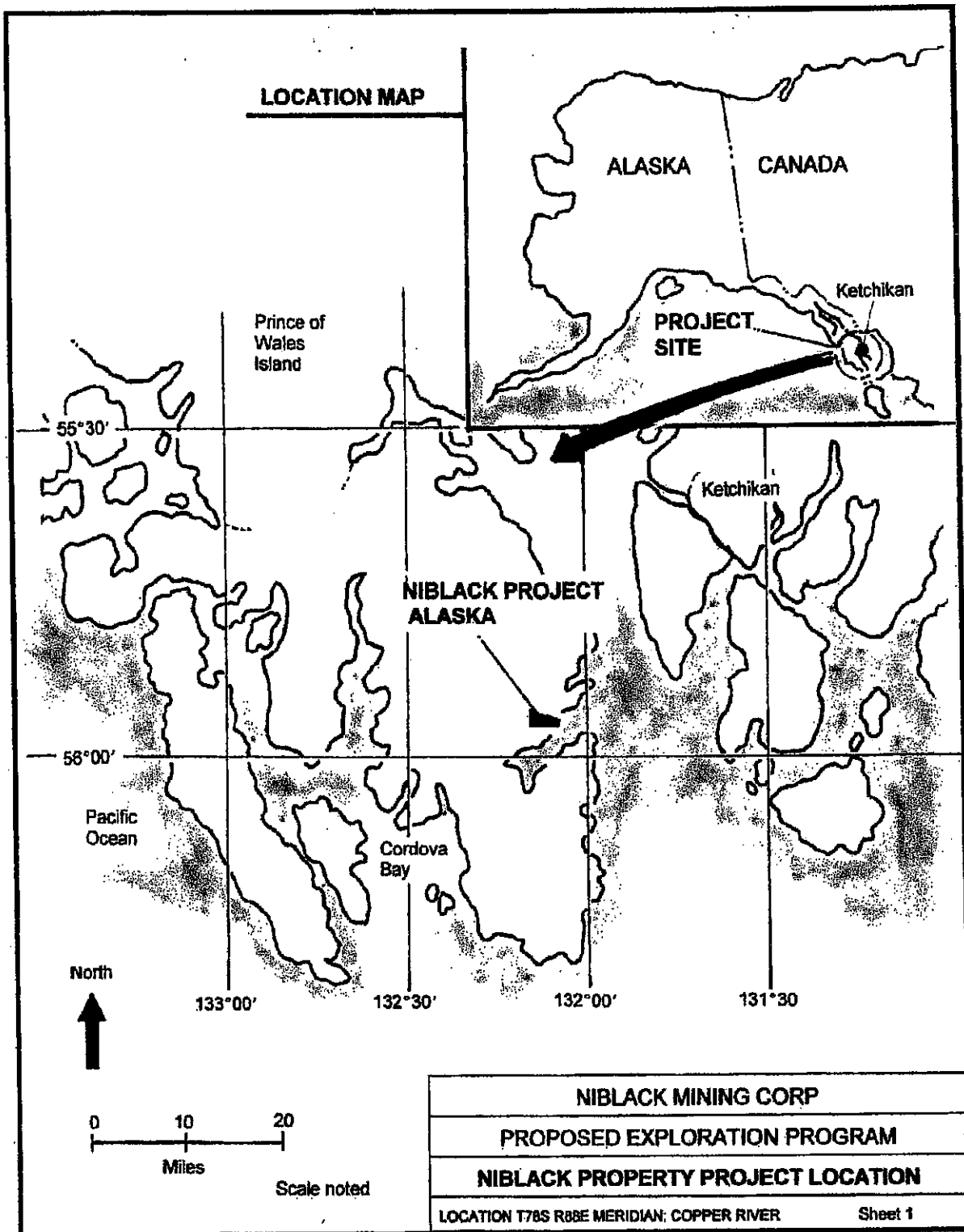
(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

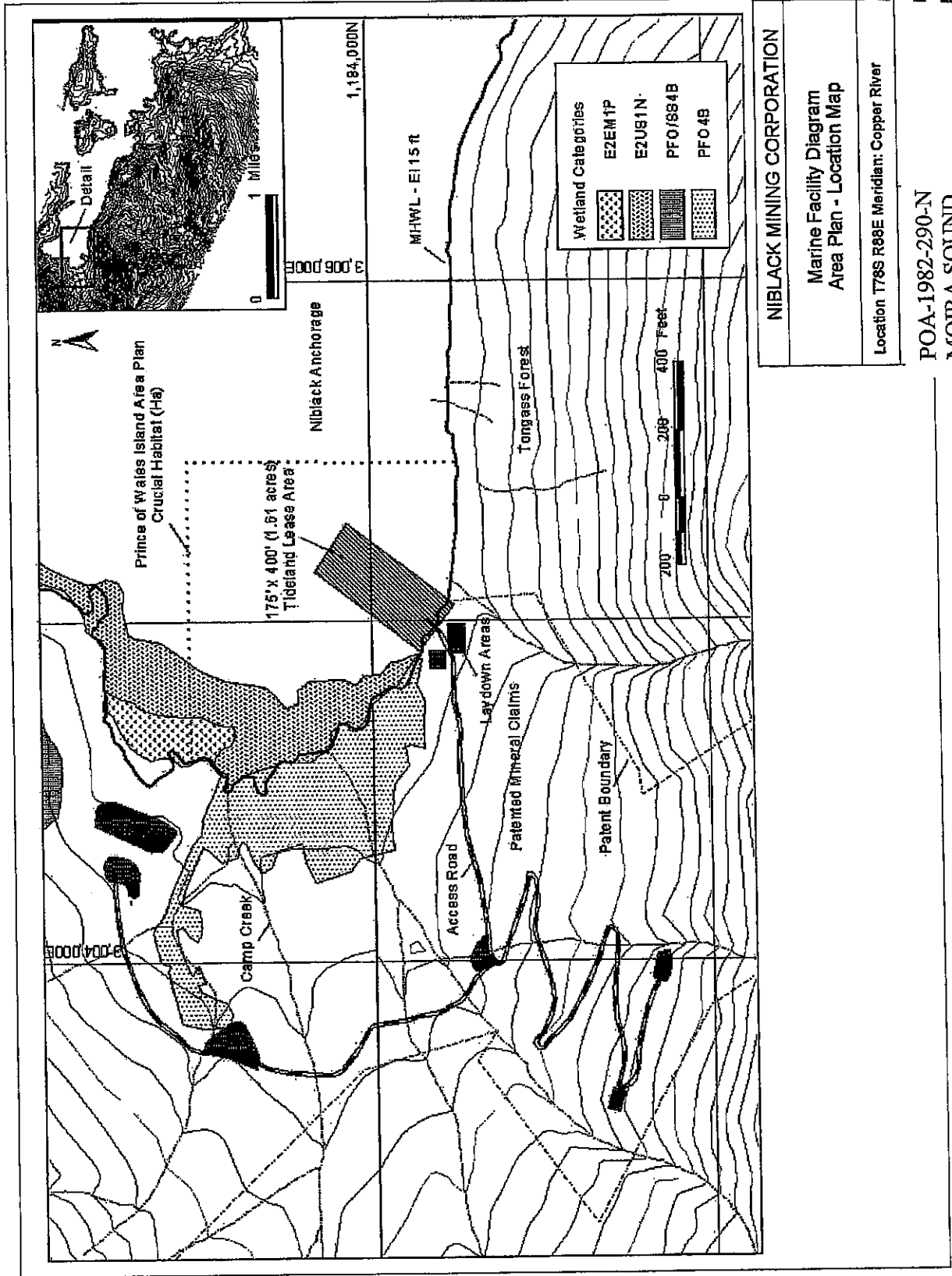
Project drawings, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

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Marine Facility Diagram
Area Plan - Location Map

Location 178S R88E Meridian: Copper River

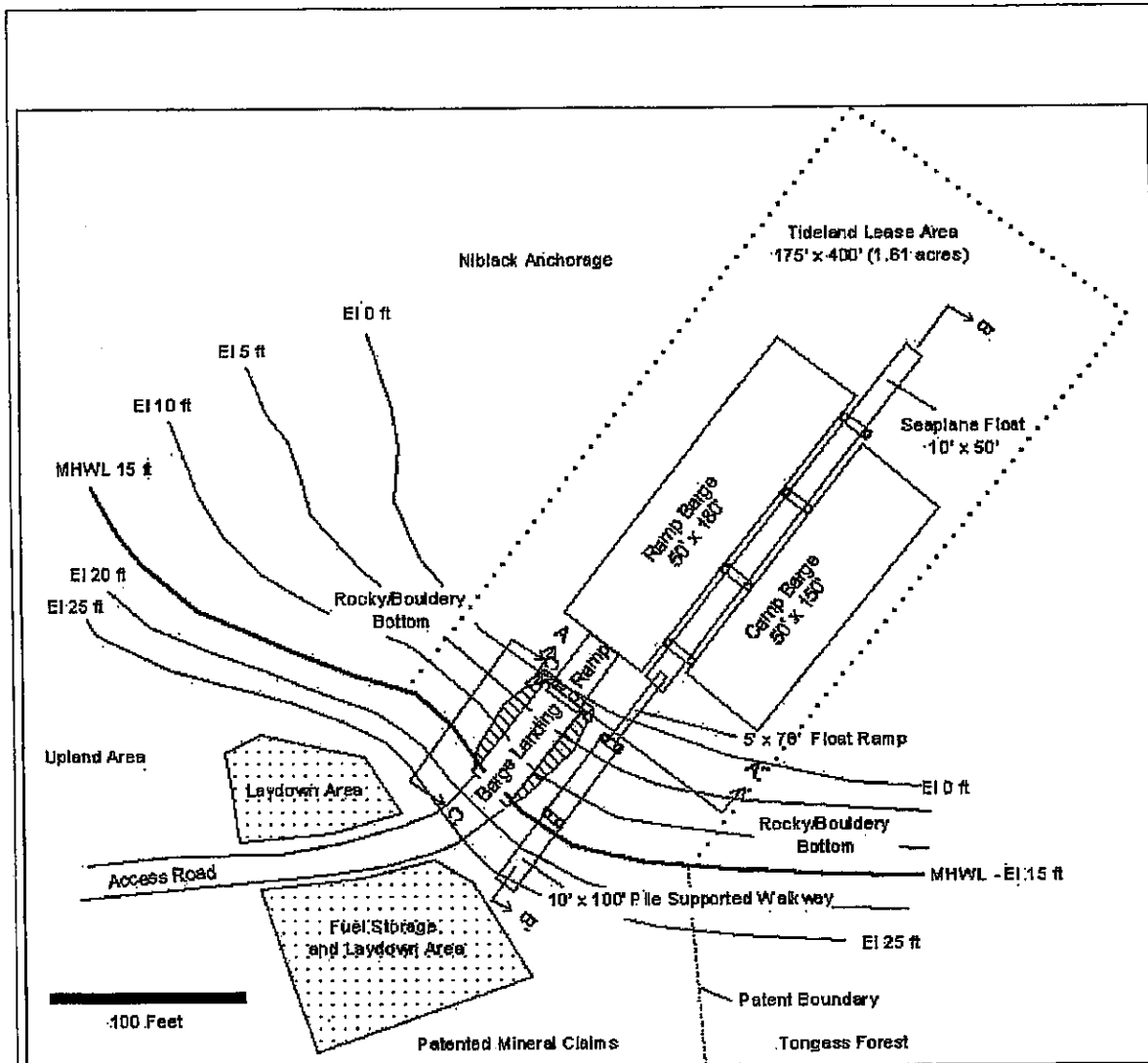
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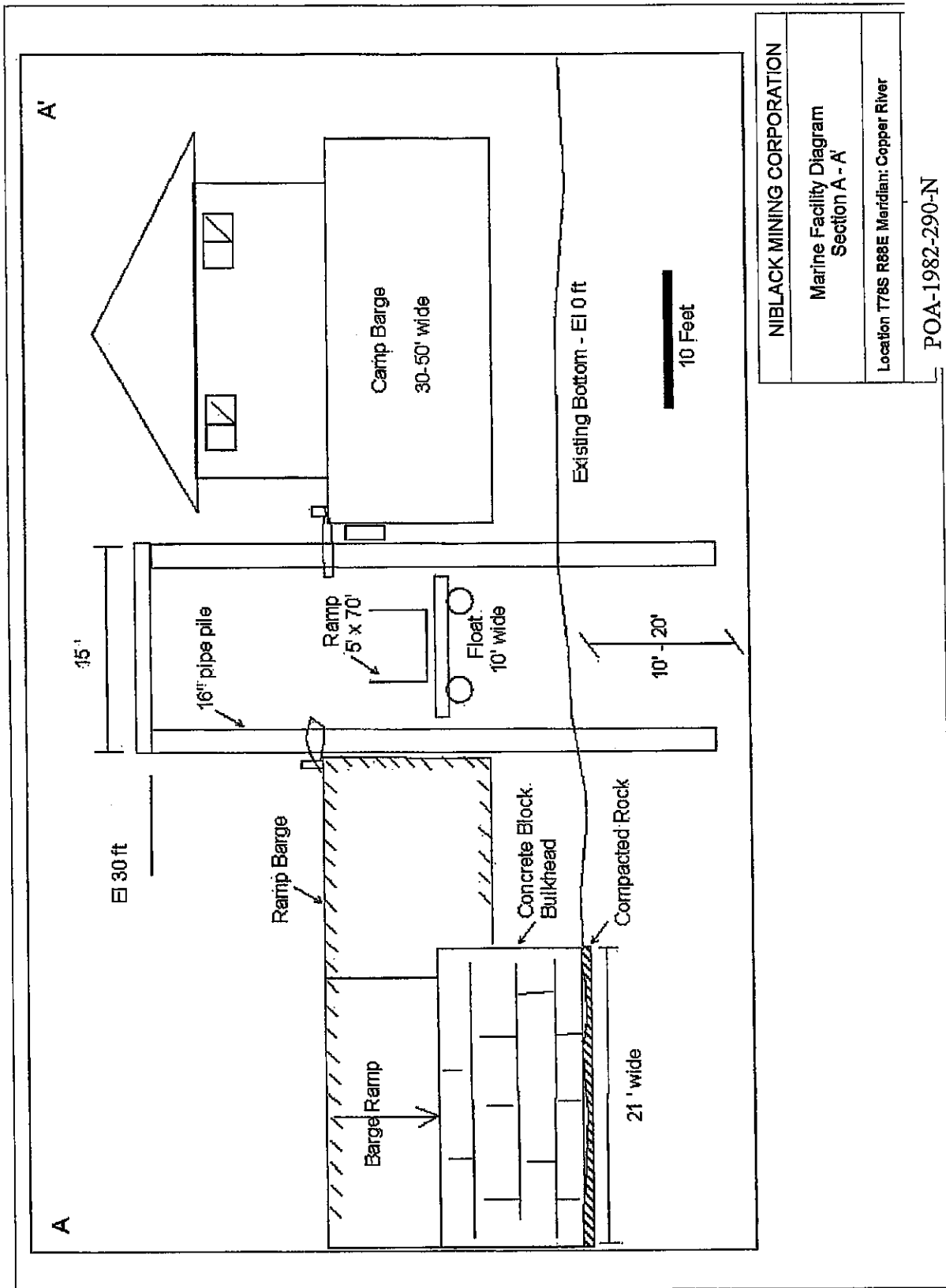
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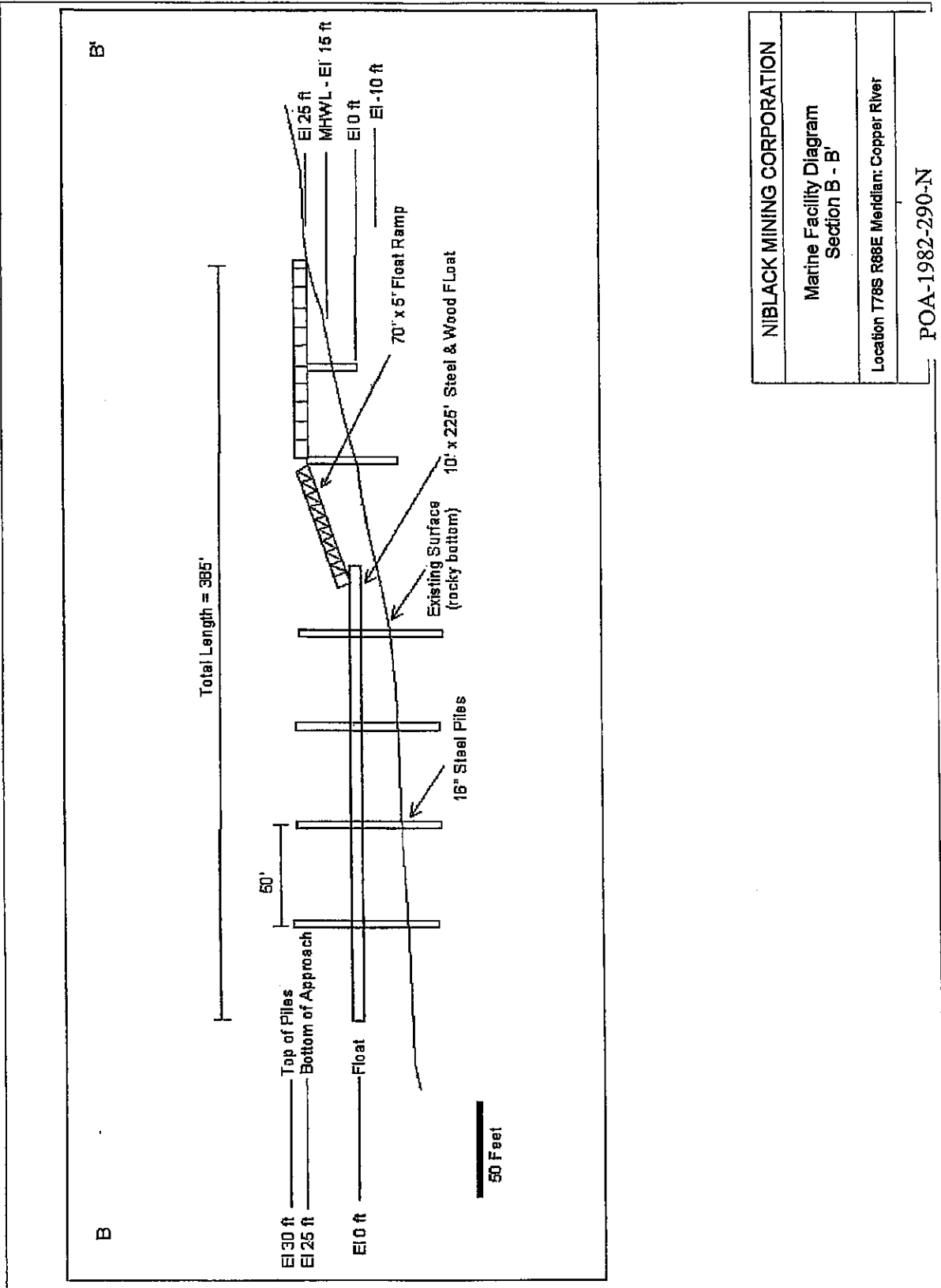
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Marine Facility Diagram Detailed Plan
Location T78S R88E Meridian: Copper River

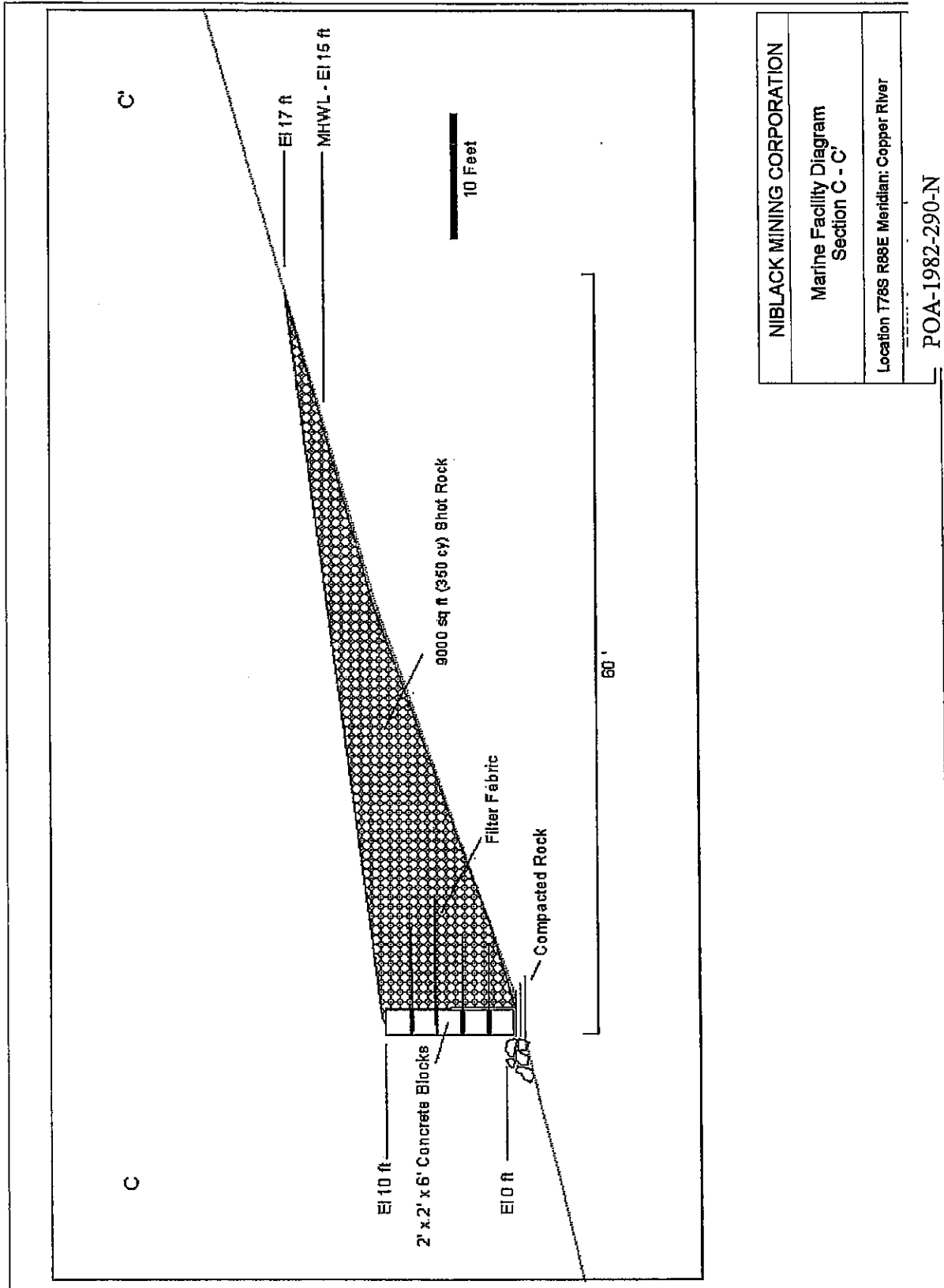
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Marine Facility Diagram Section A - A'
Location T78S R88E Meridian: Copper River

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Marine Facility Diagram
Section C - C

Location T78S R88E Meridian; Copper River

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. POA-1982-290-N, Moira Sound, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP). For information about this consistency review, contact OPMP at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us/Projects/projects.html>.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-1982-290-N, Moira Sound, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: Niblack Anchorage (Mine Exploration Phase)
State I.D. No. AK 0704-03J

My agency is seeking your assistance so that we can inform the general public of a coastal project proposed in your area and explain how a person can obtain more information and submit comments during the public review period, in accordance with Alaska Statute 46.40.096(c).

Please post the attached public notice in the lobby or general bulletin board area of your postal facility or announce it on your radio station. Please keep the notice posted until the deadline for public comments, as indicated on the notice.

This request to post the attached notice is in accordance with U.S. Post Office regulations (Postal Operations Manual, Section 221.525) which indicate that a government agency can request posting of an official notice about an activity of general interest to the customers of that postal facility.

Thank you for your valuable help.

Sincerely,



Joe Donohue

ACMP Project Specialist

Attachment:



Public Notice

Alaska Coastal Management Program

Dated April 23, 2007

Niblack Anchorage - Mine Exploration Phase

Your Opportunity to Comment

Project Title/State ID#:

Niblack Anchorage (Mine Exploration Phase) /
AK 0704-03J

Applicant/Agent:

Niblack Mining Corporation / Mr. Darwin Green

Location:

Please refer to "Project Description" to follow.

Review Schedule (50 days):

- Day 1.....4/23/2007
- **Comments due on or before.....5/23/2007**
- Final determination issued by6/12/2007

How you can participate:

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Your comments on the proposed project's consistency must be submitted in writing to the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP). *Comments about inconsistency must identify the relevant enforceable policy and explain how the project is not consistent with that policy.*

**Deadline for written comments:
5:00 PM on May 23, 2007**

Contact:

Joe Donohue, ACMP Project Specialist
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PO Box 111030, Juneau, Alaska 99811-1030
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Project Description:

The "Niblack Project" is a copper-gold-silver prospect in an advanced exploration phase of development. The proposed underground exploration project is located off Moira Sound in Niblack Anchorage on southeastern Prince of Wales Island, approximately 30 air miles from the community of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The applicant, Niblack Mining Corporation, proposes to develop 6,000 feet of underground tunneling from a single adit entry. The main focus of the underground work is to provide access for exploration drilling to test deep zones of mineralization. The project is expected to last 2 years. It will require a marine access and camp barge facility on the adjacent state-owned tide and submerged lands. Other surface disturbances including an access road, portal, and waste rock storage and disposal areas will be confined to private property.

Total surface disturbance requiring post-closure reclamation is approximately 5.5 acres. The proposed underground excavation will generate about 60,900 cubic yards of waste rock, most of which is benign. Approximately 14,300 cubic yards is potentially acid-generating (PAG) material which will be placed in an engineered, lined 0.85-acre storage facility. At the end of the exploration period, all PAG waste rock will be picked up and transferred back underground and the adit will be sealed.

Additional Review Information –

The Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) has developed the Large Mine Project Team LMPT approach to reviewing larger mining projects that may require multiple Federal and State authorizations to cover proposed activities within the State of Alaska. The Niblack Mine in Southeast Alaska has been handled by the various State agencies in this LMPT-coordinated scenario. For projects that are

sited within the coastal zone of Alaska and require an ACMP consistency review for Federal or State authorizations, the ADNR's Office of Project Management and Permitting's (OPMP) LMPT Project Manager (in this case Mr. Bob Tsigonis) is the coordinator of all facets of mine project permit review – including the ACMP consistency review. Contact information for Mr. Tsigonis is provided below.

The links to documents related to this LMPT and ACMP consistency review have been posted on the ADNR web site at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/niblack/>.

OPMP encourages those individuals who wish to provide ACMP consistency comments on the activities within the scope of the ACMP consistency review to send their written comments to:

**State of Alaska ADNR and DEC Permits
ATTN: Mr. Bob Tsigonis – Project Manager
ADNR Office of Project Management and Permitting
3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
Telephone: (907) 374-3708,
Fax: (907) 451-2703
Email: bob_tsigonis@dnr.state.ak.us**

For your information:

Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the OPMP review staff at the above address.

Public notice posted in Ketchikan, Alaska at the Ketchikan Post Office, the Ketchikan Library, the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors office, the Ketchikan Coastal District Office, in Thorne Bay, Alaska at the Thorne Bay Post Office and Thorne Bay Coastal District Office, and also announced on KRBD Public Radio. Public notice is also posted on the ADNR web site. A complete copy of the project packet is available for review and copying at the Ketchikan Coastal District office within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Department at 344 Front St., in Ketchikan, Alaska.