



Energy, Mines and Resources
Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

August 12th, 2010

Robert McIntyre
Vice President, Business Development
Alexco Keno Hill Mining Corp.
Suite 1150 – 200 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC
V6C 1S4

Dear Rob:

Re: Approval of Amendment to General Site Plan

Pursuant to section 5.2 of Quartz Mining License QML-0009 for the Bellekeno Mine Project, a General Site Plan amendment request (the "request") has been submitted to the Chief for review and approval. This request dated July 20, 2010 and prepared by Alexco Keno Hill Mining Corp., is entitled "*DSTF Preliminary Construction Authorization*".

I, in my capacity of Chief, have reviewed the above-noted request for preliminary work to be undertaken in advance of construction of the Dry Stack Tailings Facility ("DSTF"), and approve it, effective immediately, subject to the conditions noted below:

1. Approved preliminary work is limited to those activities described in the request;
2. All preliminary work must remain within the location shown in the "Year 1 Tailings Placement Figure" which is referenced in the request; and
3. If, upon review of the Dry Stack Tailing Facility Construction and Operation Plan, it is determined by the Chief that modifications to this preliminary work must be undertaken to ensure adequate environmental mitigation, the preliminary work shall be modified as specified by the Chief at that time.

I wish to remind you that no further activities related to the DSTF other than those outlined within the request may be undertaken without prior authorization.

Rob McIntyre
Page 2
August 12th, 2010

Neither I nor the Yukon Government makes any representations or warranties as to the sufficiency or adequacy of the plans or designs described in the request. Further, you are reminded that the approval of the Chief pertains only to the Chief's responsibilities under the *Quartz Mining Act* and that for greater certainty, nothing in this approval limits the applicable federal or territorial laws, including the *Operational Health and Safety Act* and related regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 667-3126 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Holmes', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Robert Holmes
Director, Mineral Resources

cc: Greg Komaromi, Assistant Deputy Minister of Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources
Chief Simon Mervyn Sr., First Nation of Nă-cho Nyak Dun
Kevin McDonnell, Director, Water Resources
William Leary, Natural Resources Officer, Mayo