PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PEAK GOLD, LLC MANH CHOH PROJECT

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has made a preliminary decision to approve Peak Gold, LLC's application for Air Quality Control Minor Permit AQ1616MSS02 for the Manh Choh Project.

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Peak Gold, LLC applied for a minor permit under 18 AAC 50.508(5) for an Owner Requested Limit to avoid triggering 18 AAC 50.502(c)(4)(A)(iii) for oxides of nitrogen.

Emissions: The change in potential annual emissions of regulated air pollutants at the stationary source will not exceed 35.3 tons of Nitrogen Oxides by limiting the hours of operation of EU ID 7 to no more than 7,400 hours in any 12-consecutive month period, thereby avoiding the requirement to obtain a Minor Permit under 18 AAC 50.502(c)(4). The other regulated air pollutants (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and SO₂) remain below their thresholds listed in 18 AAC 50.502(c)(4) with or without the limit.

ADEC Preliminary Review: Based on review of the application, ADEC drafted a preliminary permit decision for this project under AS 46.14 and 18 AAC 50.

Available Information: Copies of the permit application(s), ADEC's preliminary minor permit and technical analysis report (TAR) are available at the following offices:

ADEC Air Permits Program, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 8th Floor, Ste 800, State Office Building, Juneau, AK 99801 ADEC Air Permits Program, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

These documents are also available at ADEC's website at: <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices/</u>

Opportunity for Public Participation: Any interested person may present written statements relevant to the preliminary decision within 30 days after the first publication date. ADEC will consider all comments received and make any changes ADEC finds beneficial or necessary to assure compliance with 18 AAC 50 or state law. ADEC will issue a final decision to issue or deny the permit after the close of the public comment period.

ADEC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact ADA Coordinator Mike Kruzinski, <u>mike.kruzinski@alaska.gov</u>, 1-907-334-0884; Alaska Relay Service/TTY/TDD 1-800-770-8973; or dial 711 by the 15th day of this public comment period to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Comments relevant to the preliminary minor permit may be submitted electronically via ADEC's public notice site at <u>https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/FormalComments</u>, or to Jonathon Rea by mail to 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by email to jonathon.rea@alaska.gov and <u>dec.air.comment@alaska.gov</u>. Comments must be received by close of public comments period at 11:59 p.m. Alaska time on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Except for comments classified under AS 46.14.520, all public comments submitted during the public comment period can be viewed at

https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices after the public comment period.