

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Ms. Bartly Kleven, Peak Gold, LLC

Permit No.: POA-2013-00286

Issuing Office: U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska

**NOTE:** The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

**Project Description:** The proposed project, named the Manh Choh Mine, would discharge 7,195 cubic yards of fill into 5.26 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands to construct access roads, mine pits, waste rock discharge areas and other facilities necessary to operate a gold mine.

All work will be performed in accordance with the attached plan, sheets 1-36, dated December 2021.

**Project Location:** The project site is located Sections 1-3 & 10-16, T. 16 N, R. 13 E.; Sections 1, 2, 6, 7 & 18, T. 16 N, R. 14 E.; Section 6, T. 16 N, R. 15 E.; Sections 23-25 & 34-36, T. 17 N, R. 13 E.; Sections 19-22, 26, 27, 29-36, T. 17 N, R. 14 E.; Sections 13 & 14, T. 17 N, R. 13 E.; Sections 5, 8, 9, & 16-18, T. 17 N, R. 14 E.; Sections 19, 20, 29, & 32, T. 18 N, R. 14 E.; Copper River Meridian; Latitude 63.1834°, Longitude -142.8937°; within lands owned by and proximal to the Native Village of Tetlin, Alaska

## Permit Conditions:

### General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **September 30, 2027**.

If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

**Special Conditions:**

1. Natural drainage patterns shall be maintained using appropriate ditching, culverts, storm drain systems, and other measures to ensure that the current hydrologic regime is not altered in ways that would introduce excessive erosion, sedimentation, ponding or drying.
2. Dust control management measures must be implemented including regularly watering dust-prone areas, covering loads carried by haul trucks, and limiting vehicle speeds.
3. Concurrent with the proposed action, the permittee shall implement the project Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Plan dated August 2022 and attached to this permit.
4. The permittee shall abide by the Memorandum of Agreement among the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District; the State Historic Preservation Officer; the Native Village of Tetlin; and Peak Gold, LLC regarding the Manh Choh Project.
5. The permittee shall minimize the potential to import and/or spread propagules of invasive plant species in the project area or the immediate vicinity by removing any attached dirt, debris, or foreign material from surface areas of equipment, haul vehicles, and heavy machinery, as appropriate, at a designated wash station within one mile of the Twin Road/Alaska Highway intersection.

**Further Information:**

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

( ) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

( ) Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorization required by law.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

*Bartly Kleven* Environmental Affairs Director - Alaska

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(PERMITTEE) AND TITLE

9/2/2022

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(DATE)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

*Greg Mazer*

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FOR (DISTRICT COMMANDER)  
Colonel Damon A. Delarosa  
Greg Mazer  
North Branch, Regulatory Division

9/2/2022

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(DATE)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the

property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions have the transferee sign and date below.

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(TRANSFEREE)

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(DATE)