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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

Information: Natural Resources Commission (NRC)

Transaction: One Mining and Reclamation Plan pursuant to Metallic Mineral Lease M602 in Marquette County; Executive Summary located at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/MiningandReclamationPlan_186442_7.pdf

Authority: Part 5, Department of Natural Resources, Section 502(3), of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Applicant: Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (Kennecott), Marquette, Michigan.

Jurisdiction: Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Mineral Ownership at ore body.

Surface Description: Ore body lies in the NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ and the SE ¼ of NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 11 and proposed mine entrance lies in the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 12 T50N, R29W, Michigamme Township, Marquette County.

Requirements: The Mining and Reclamation Plan sets forth Kennecott's plan of development in building, operating, and restoring the proposed mining site pursuant to Metallic Mineral Lease M602.

Notice: This item appeared on the January 29, 2007 DNR Business Calendar and was noticed and available for comment and information at a series of public meetings September 10, 11, 12, 13, and 19, 2007. It was discussed and available for comment at the November 8, 2007 and December 6, 2007 NRC meetings. It is eligible for approval on January 10, 2008.

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Recommendation: The DNR replied to Kennecott on December 7, 2007 with additional questions and requested clarifications of the proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan (enclosed). The DNR anticipates a response from Kennecott by December 14, 2007. Recommend approval of the Mining and Reclamation plan pending a satisfactory response, which adequately addresses the DNR's questions.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
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Approval Date