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SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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RE: Kensington Mine Plan Amendment

To Whom It May Concern,

Southeast Conference fully supports Coeur Alaska and the Kensington Mine's Plan of Operations Amendment 1 (POA 1).

The proposed POA 1 is a continuation of the safe, reliable and proven mining practices the Kensington Mine has been advancing since production began in July 2010. The proposal uses existing infrastructure and minimizes disturbances while minimizing their carbon footprint. POA 1 proposes to expand the tailings disturbance area by only 150 acres and should extend the life of the mine by about 10 years. In addition to expanding the disturbance area, POA 1 plans to increase open water areas and reroute Fat Rat Creek and replacing culverts which will benefit fish populations and habitat.

Southeast Conference is the State designated Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) and the federally designated Economic Development District for Southeast Alaska. This requires Southeast Conference to take an active role in regional resource management and economic development planning. It is our mission to support policies that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment for Southeast Alaska.

Southeast Conference is pleased to support this amendment for the Kensington Mine. Coeur Alaska is a critical asset to the growth and development of the Southeast Alaska economy. They are the second largest private employer in terms of payroll in Juneau and they continue to reach out to the small communities in Southeast with job opportunities. In 2020 alone, Coeur Alaska donated over \$380,000 to the Juneau Community. They are committed to pursuing a higher standard in every area including safety culture, employee care, and the environment.

Southeast Conference urges the adoption of this amendment and allowing the Kensington Mine to move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

Robert Venables  
Executive Director

