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Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Dear Mr. Reece,

I am writing on behalf of Alaska Marine Lines to express our support for Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company's (HGCMC) request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF) and related infrastructure as described in their North Extension Project (NEP). We are in favor of Alternative D.

Alternative D provides for an expansion of the existing TDF that builds on the existing successful facility, minimizes new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary, and avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources.

We understand that mines such as HGCMC must pass through one of the most stringent and involved permitting processes anywhere in the world, and we commend them for meeting this challenge. Their daily operations are governed by dozens of stringent permits, and they devote significant resources to prevent impacts to their surrounding environment.

Hawk Inlet and the surrounding environment of the Greens Creek Mine have been the subject of over four decades of environmental studies. Thousands of water, sediment, and biological samples have been taken under the direction of the EPA, USFS, ADEC, and ADNR, making this area likely the most studied locale in SE Alaska. These studies build on and improve upon the original baseline and provide a complete monthly/quarterly/annual record of impacts to the surrounding area, all of which is public record.

Per the DSEIS, these studies show "...metal concentrations in seawater, sediments, and invertebrate tissues in Hawk Inlet were generally consistent with or lower than other local, regional, and national values, indicating that the Mine is not significantly affecting the Hawk Inlet ecosystem."

HGCMC has demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence for the past 35 years. It is also a significant contributor to Juneau's economy, providing over 900 direct and indirect jobs, and is a generous community supporter.

For more information, please refer to the ADEC release available at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/hawk-inlet> For these reasons, we support HGCMC's tailings expansion, Alternative D.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam S. Anderson".

Adam S. Anderson – AMT S.E. Regional Manager