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Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine

NEP SEIS 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Dear Mr. Reece,

As a 5-year employee of Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company (HGCMC), I am writing to express my strong support for their North Extension Project (NEP) and the request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF). I have seen first-hand that HGCMC is a living, improving, and principled company that operates with social and environmental responsibility.

As an Electrician based in Anchorage, Alaska, I hold my employer to high standards of transparency and responsible behavior that positively benefits the state of Alaska and beyond. HGCMC has consistently demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence and sustainability, as well as its significant contributions to Juneau's economy and the local community.

While Admiralty Island is not my home, I understand the importance of preserving this land for future generations. Admiralty Island is a vital ecosystem that supports an array of wildlife, including salmon and bears, and provides crucial habitat for indigenous peoples. The island's preservation is crucial for the continued health of our planet, and HGCMC's request to expand their TDF through Alternative D is a responsible way to achieve this while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

In conclusion, I hope this letter finds you well, and I strongly endorse HGCMC's NEP and Alternative D. HGCMC has consistently demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible corporate behavior, and I believe their request to expand their TDF is in line with these principles. I urge you to approve this request and allow HGCMC to continue making a positive impact on Alaska's environment and economy.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Tolson