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Attn: Matthew Reece

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 the President of Reliable Transfer Corporation, the sole Veteran locally owned and operated Moving and Storage Company in Alaska, I'm writing to convey our backing for the Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company's (HGCMC) plan to enlarge their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF) under their North Extension Project (NEP). We believe that Alternative D is the premiere choice.

Reliable Transfer Corporation, founded in 1914, has been a key player in Juneau's rich mining heritage. Much like the HGCMC, we value both environmental integrity and the economic vitality of our home - Juneau. The proposed Alternative D, which involves the expansion of the TDF within the existing lease boundary, embodies this dual commitment. Preventing further disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources aligns with our shared stewardship of the environment.

Over the years, HGCMC has exemplified its dedication to environmental excellence, much akin to our ethos at Reliable Transfer Corporation. The stringent permitting process they have adhered to, one of the most comprehensive and rigorous globally, further attests to this commitment.

To this effect, the Hawk Inlet and surrounding areas of the Greens Creek Mine have been subjected to intensive environmental studies for more than four decades. Collaborative efforts involving EPA, USFS, ADEC, and ADNR have ensured that thousands of samples have been scrutinized, making it the most intensively surveyed location in SE Alaska. Public records confirm that metal concentrations in this area align with or are below other local, regional, and national values. More information about this can be found at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/hawk-inlet>.

Not only has HGCMC demonstrated its commitment to environmental preservation, but it also contributes significantly to Juneau's economic prosperity, providing over 900 direct and indirect jobs. As a fellow local business, we understand the ripple effect that such employment opportunities create in our community. They contribute to a strong tax base, benefiting the underserved and those in lower-income brackets.

We at Reliable Transfer Corporation see a parallel between our long-standing presence in Juneau and the potential longevity of HGCMC's operations. We believe that the proposed tailings expansion under Alternative D is crucial to sustaining our shared heritage and ensuring the long-term economic stability of Juneau.

We look forward to the continued prosperity of Juneau, fueled by conscientious companies like HGCMC, and express our unwavering support for the proposed expansion.