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Dept. Affected: OOG
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 Division: Division of Administrative Services
 Approved by: Jim Merriner, Chief of Staff
 Agency: Office of the Lt. Governor

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 Date 4/25/2007

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/11/07

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5/12/07

Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 am

HJR 17 KENSINGTON MINE APPEAL

Encouraging Coeur Alaska, Inc., to pursue all legal options to resolve the issues presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to enforce its rights as a state over its resources.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Lyle Green</i>	Green	✓			
<i>Paul McCre</i>	McCre	✓			
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CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

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REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG JOHNSON
HOUSE DISTRICT 28

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Charlie Huggins, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Representative Craig Johnson *CJ*

DATE: May 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Scheduling Request for HJR 17

I respectfully request a hearing in the Senate Resources committee for HJR 17, a resolution encouraging Couer Alaska, Inc. to pursue all legal options to resolve the issues presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to enforce its rights as a state over its resources.

Attached is the most current copy of the resolution, the sponsor statement, fiscal note and additional information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me or my aide, Trevor Fulton, at extension 4993.

Thank you for your consideration.

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REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG JOHNSON
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Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 17

"Encouraging Coeur Alaska, Inc., to pursue all legal options to resolve the issues presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to enforce its rights as a state over its resources; and requesting the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to adjudicate those matters that come before the court in a fair and impartial manner so that the state's natural resources can be developed in a timely and lawful manner."

House Joint Resolution 17 encourages Coeur Alaska, the company developing the Kensington Gold Mine north of Juneau, to pursue all legal options to overturn the forthcoming US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that will halt construction of this valuable mine project.

- Coeur Alaska has nearly 60 environmental and regulatory permits in place for the Kensington Gold Mine and a demonstrated commitment to responsible and environmentally sound management of its mining projects
- The Kensington Gold Mine tailings disposal plan was approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers, found to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act, and upheld by the federal district court of Alaska, only to be overturned by the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
- The policy of the federal government as expressed in the United States Code is to "foster and encourage private enterprise in the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining" (30 USC 21a)
- The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has demonstrated a pattern of antidevelopment decision making in regards to Alaska and its rights to develop its resources

In light of these facts, HJR 17 also asks that the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals adjudicate this and future cases in a fair and impartial manner so that Alaska's natural resources may be developed in a timely and lawful manner.

Upon passage, copies of HJR 17 will be sent to President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, 9th Circuit Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, and the governors and legislative leaders of all of the Western U.S. states and territories.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 am
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Johansen, Ramras, Lynn, Thomas

Amended: 5/10/07
Introduced: 4/5/07

A RESOLUTION

1 **Encouraging Coeur Alaska, Inc., to pursue all legal options to resolve the issues**
2 **presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of**
3 **Engineers on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to enforce its rights as**
4 **a state over its resources.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** the state is rich in natural resources and is dependent on the development
7 of those resources for its well-being; and

8 **WHEREAS** the policy of the federal government expressed in 30 U.S.C. 21a is to
9 foster and encourage private enterprise in the development of economically sound and stable
10 domestic mining, minerals, metal, and mineral reclamation industries; and

11 **WHEREAS** the United States District Court for the District of Alaska found that the
12 decision of the United States Army Corps of Engineers to allow the disposal of tailings from
13 the proposed Kensington Mine into Lower Slate Lake is consistent with the requirements of
14 the Clean Water Act; and

15 **WHEREAS** the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit stated in an

1 order issued in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of
2 Engineers, Case No. 06-35679, that the court intends to reverse and vacate the Record of
3 Decision authorizing the use of Lower Slate Lake as a disposal facility, and remand the case
4 to the district court with instructions to enter summary judgment in favor of Southeast Alaska
5 Conservation Council;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages Coeur Alaska, Inc.,
7 to pursue all legal options, including an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, to resolve
8 the issues presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps
9 of Engineers, Case No. 06-35679, on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to
10 enforce its rights as a state over its resources.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent by electronic transmission to the Honorable
12 George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-
13 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
14 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, Chief
15 Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman,
16 Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable Nick J.
17 Rahall II, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources; the Honorable Sarah
18 Palin, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Tom Irwin, Commissioner, Department of
19 Natural Resources; Dennis E. Wheeler, President, Coeur Alaska, Inc.; and the Honorable Ted
20 Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
21 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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30 USC Sec. 21a

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-EXPCITE-

TITLE 30 - MINERAL LANDS AND MINING

CHAPTER 2 - MINERAL LANDS AND REGULATIONS IN GENERAL

-HEAD-

Sec. 21a. National mining and minerals policy; "minerals" defined;
execution of policy under other authorized programs

-STATUTE-

The Congress declares that it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government in the national interest to foster and encourage private enterprise in (1) the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining, minerals, metal and mineral reclamation industries, (2) the orderly and economic development of domestic mineral resources, reserves, and reclamation of metals and minerals to help assure satisfaction of industrial, security and environmental needs, (3) mining, mineral, and metallurgical research, including the use and recycling of scrap to promote the wise and efficient use of our natural and reclaimable mineral resources, and (4) the study and development of methods for the disposal, control, and reclamation of mineral waste products, and the reclamation of mined land, so as to lessen any adverse impact of mineral extraction and processing upon the physical environment that may result from mining or mineral activities.

For the purpose of this section "minerals" shall include all minerals and mineral fuels including oil, gas, coal, oil shale and

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uranium.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this policy when exercising his authority under such programs as may be authorized by law other than this section.

-SOURCE-

(Pub. L. 91-631, title I, Sec. 101, formerly Sec. 2, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1876; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, Sec. 1081(b), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 721; renumbered title I, Sec. 101, Pub. L. 104-325, Sec. 2(1), (2), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3994.)

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AMENDMENTS

1995 - Pub. L. 104-66 in last par. struck out at end "For this purpose the Secretary of the Interior shall include in his annual report to the Congress a report on the state of the domestic mining, minerals, and mineral reclamation industries, including a statement of the trend in utilization and depletion of these resources, together with such recommendations for legislative programs as may be necessary to implement the policy of this section."

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 91-631 provided: "That this Act [enacting this section] may be cited as the 'Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970'."



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Presented by: Mayor Botelho
and Assemblymember Sanford
Introduced: 04/02/2007
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2399

**A Resolution Urging a Negotiated Settlement of the
Kensington Gold Mine Litigation.**

WHEREAS, the Kensington gold mine project, with an annual construction payroll of 20 million dollars, currently employs more than 400 people, many of them Juneau and Southeast Alaska residents; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Sierra Club, and Lynn Canal Conservation brought litigation against the Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Forest Service because of concerns regarding the proposed tailings management at the mine; and

WHEREAS, the Kensington gold mine is vitally important to the economy of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, Coeur Alaska, and the parties bringing the litigation, are acting in good faith, and have previously tried to mediate a mutually acceptable settlement; and

WHEREAS, Berners Bay provides an important environmental and recreational resource for the community of Juneau, and the concerns of the conservation community are substantial and not frivolous; and

WHEREAS, a panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has indicated that it intends to rule that "in issuing its permit to Coeur Alaska for the use of Lower Slate Lake as a disposal site, the Corps [of Engineers] violated the Clean Water Act."

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

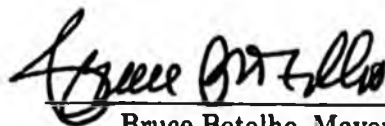
Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau strongly encourages Coeur Alaska, Inc., Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, the Sierra Club, and Lynn Canal Conservation to return to mediation to achieve a settlement acceptable to all parties to the litigation.

Section 2. That, in encouraging mediation, the Assembly offers the City and Borough's resources to assist the parties in resolving their disputes amicably. These resources include identification of an appropriate mediator or facilitator, and coordination of meeting times and places.

Section 3. That, if requested by the parties, the City and Borough of Juneau will assist the negotiations in any appropriate way.

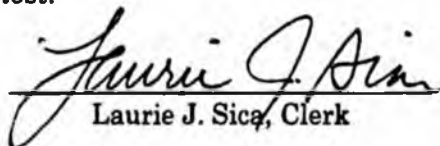
Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2007.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk



UDELHOVEN

184 East 53rd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99518-1222
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May 1, 2007

Rep. Jay Ramras, Chair of House Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 118
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Ramras,

Udelhoven Companies, supports HJR 17 that encourages Coeur Alaska, the company developing the Kensington Gold Mine north of Juneau, to pursue all legal options to overturn the forthcoming US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that will halt construction of this valuable mine project.

- Coeur Alaska has nearly 60 environmental and regulatory permits in place for the Kensington Gold Mine and has demonstrated commitment to responsible management of its mining projects.
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- The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has demonstrated a pattern of antidevelopment decision making in regard to Alaska and its right to develop its resources.

Allowing the Kensington Gold Mine to continue is beneficial to Alaska's economy and the companies and individuals that support the mining industry. Please join us in encouraging Coeur Alaska to pursue all legal options to overturn the US Circuit Court of Appeals ruling. Alaskans know best what is good for Alaska.

Sincerely,

James Udelhoven
CEO

Jim Gilbert
President



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May 1, 2007

Rep. Jay Ramras, Chair of House Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Ramras,

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance, a trade association whose 400 members provide goods and services to Alaska's oil, gas and mining industries and more than 30,000 jobs for Alaskans, supports HJR 17 that encourages Coeur Alaska, the company developing the Kensington Gold Mine north of Juneau, to pursue all legal options to overturn the forthcoming US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that will halt construction of this valuable mine project.

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Sincerely,

Jim Palmer
President

Paul Laird
General Manager



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April 27, 2007

Honorable Craig Johnson
Alaska State House
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: House Joint Resolution 17, Support for Kensington Gold Mine

Dear Representative Johnson,

The Alaska Miners Association supports House Joint Resolution 17 which is in support of the Kensington Gold Mine.

Coeur Alaska has worked for more than two decades exploring and working on the permitting process for the Kensington Mine. By the time the first Environmental Impact Statement was completed, the gold price had decreased to the point where the project was not economically feasible. Coeur then went back to the drawing board and after several years worked its way through a 1st Supplemental EIS. But as happened previously, the gold price had dropped further and the project was still not feasible. Coeur then went back again and redesigned the project and completed a 2nd Supplemental EIS.

Before beginning on the 2nd SEIS, Coeur purchased rights to other lands in the area and although the new plan significantly decreased the production level, it made several improvements in mine layout, facilities and many of the approaches previously utilized. These changes resulted in both improvement to the environment and lowered the cost of production. The 2nd SEIS specifically addressed many of the issues raised by the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC). For each of the EISs, Coeur made commitments to SEACC which built on previous promises, without going back.

None the less, SEACC appealed the Record of Decision (ROD) to the District Court and that Court affirmed the ROD as written. However, SEACC then appealed the ROD to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and that court overturned the decision of the District Court.

HJR-17 encourages Coeur Alaska to appeal the 9th Circuit ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court where we believe that Court would rule in favor of the EPA and Corps of Engineers permits and the ROD. It is common knowledge that the U.S. Supreme Court often overturns decisions of the 9th Circuit and we believe that the decision in this case will be another one of them.

The problems in the 9th Circuit are legendary and have been a national disgrace for decades. Our Alaska Senators have filed numerous bills over the years to divide the 9th Circuit into two courts. Senators Murkowski and Stevens, along with Senator Ensign (NV) have again introduced legislation to split the 9th Circuit which now encompasses 20% of the U.S. population.

We urge that this bill be passed and enacted at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Borell, P.F.
Executive Director



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April 16, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Dear Governor Palin:

The Resource Development Council is writing to request that your administration initiate a collaborative effort between Coeur Alaska, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, (SEACC), the Sierra Club and other involved interests to encourage settlement of the Kensington Mine lawsuit, and to determine the best solution for disposal of tailings from the mine.

Coeur Alaska has been working with state and federal agencies, local businesses, fishermen, environmental groups and the citizens of Juneau to develop an environmentally-responsible mine which will help expand the local economy. The approved plan at Kensington reflects the collective expertise of dozens of independent scientists and engineers whose work went into more than 900 studies conducted over the past ten years. Throughout this process, the best method of tailings disposal was identified and it is reflected in the approved and permitted plan.

Coeur Alaska moved forward with construction activities in 2005 only after it obtained nearly 60 permits in total. Moreover, construction followed after exhaustive public input and after the company incorporated additional protections and conditions into the mine plan. The U.S. District Court of Alaska validated the Kensington permits by dismissing an earlier lawsuit.

The company has demonstrated its commitment to this project by completing 70% of construction, employing 400 workers, and has plans to employ approximately 225 people each year during operations for the estimated ten-year mine life with an estimated \$16 million annual payroll and benefits.

Coeur Alaska has recently been informed that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals intends to direct the U.S. District Court to reverse its decision on upholding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If the court issues this final decision, the current litigation will have effectively stopped the project and taken away what is truly the most practicable and environmentally-sound tailings storage facility plan.

Coeur Alaska has expressed its desire to collaborate with the environmental groups involved in this lawsuit in order to come up with a reasonable resolution that would allow this project to move forward. RDC requests that you facilitate all involved parties coming to the table to discuss settling this issue outside of the courts.

Governor, your direct participation in the process can result in making Kensington a reality. We appreciate your expedient consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason W. Brune", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason W. Brune
Executive Director