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City and Borough of Juneau Assembly Congratulates Couer

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The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly congratulates Couer Alaska on its successful appeal and the Supreme Court Decision to uphold the permits for the Kensington Gold Mine and the Goldbelt Cascade Point Marine Terminal.

This decision will allow for the completion of mine construction and the commencement of production, thus helping to secure the economic and employment future for the people of Juneau and Southeast Alaska. This development will also help to reverse the population decline of our rural village neighbors by providing approximately 200 family-wage employment and career opportunities for Southeast.

The Assembly urges the parties to accept the decision and work together to move the project forward; encourages the parties to not seek reconsideration, legislation, or other actions that could further delay the project; and requests that the regulatory agencies work to ensure that permit reviews are completed quickly, so this vital project may open as soon as possible, without further delay.

For more information please contact Deputy Mayor Jeff Bush at 586-5240.

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