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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2332

A Resolution In Support of Mediation to Resolvé Disputes Relating to the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project.

WHEREAS, the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project has been fully permitted by the appropriate Federal, State, and Local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Canal Conservation, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and the Sierra Club brought suit in Federal District Court in September 2005, against the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service, challenging their decisions to permit the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project; and

WHEREAS, all of the parties, including Coeur Alaska, have strongly held beliefs and positions which they each consider of vital importance to their interests and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the beliefs and positions of all of the parties are held in good faith; and

WHEREAS, the future of the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project is a matter of great concern to the City and Borough of Juneau because of the economic and employment benefits it will bring to the community.

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

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges all of the parties to submit their disputes relating to the Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Project immediately to mediation and attempt to resolve their concerns without protracted litigation.

Section 2. That, in encouraging mediation, the Assembly offers the City'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.

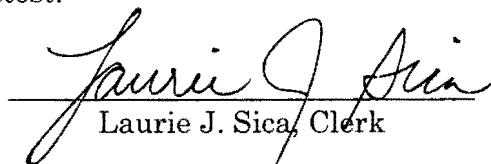
Section 3. That the Assembly requests the parties to express their willingness to participate in mediation to the Assembly no later than October 21, 2005.

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

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2005.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk