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## Joe Kurtak

Joe Kurtak has more than 40 years of experience working in mineral exploration and assessment in the Western U.S. and Alaska. Joe first came to Alaska in 1971 via a summer job working in mineral exploration in the Wrangell Mountains. This started a love affair with the 49th State and its fascinating geology that continues to the present day.

Joe obtained his Master's degree in geology from the Mackay School of Mines in 1975. Since then he has worked in both the private and public sectors including the U.S. Bureau of Mines and most recently the Bureau of Land Management. During this time Joe has taken part in a series of large-scale mineral assessments in Alaska. These range from the Panhandle to the North Slope and the Fortymile to the Seward Peninsula.

Since retirement from Federal service in 2015 he has been working part time as a consultant. He also continues to follow his life-long passion for geology.



## Doug Kreiner

Doug Kreiner is a research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Alaska Science Center. He completed a B.S. in geosciences and environmental studies at Northland College in Wisconsin, M.S. in economic geology at Colorado State University and Ph.D. in economic geology at University of Arizona. Following his PhD, Doug worked in industry for 5 years managing porphyry, epithermal and Carlin-style gold exploration programs in the western US. At the USGS, Doug continues to study fluid-rock interactions in the crust and applies systemscale studies and regional metallogensis to understand the time-space relationships of hydrothermal systems and their tectonic environments.



## **Evan Twelker**

Evan Twelker is a senior mineral resources geologist with Alaska's Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs). He leads mapping and economic geology research projects in Alaska's mineral-rich Yukon Tanana Upland and contributes to planning and geological interpretation of DGGs's geophysical programs. Prior to joining DGGs in 2013, Evan spent ten years as an exploration geologist working throughout Alaska on projects including Arctic, Bornite, and Livengood.



## George Case

George moved to Alaska and began working for the USGS in November 2016. He is interested in utilizing tools such as stable isotopes and uranium-lead geochronology to understand the evolution of mineral systems in poly-mineralized terranes and applying that understanding to mapping and assessing mineral system potential using GIS.



## Travis Naibert

Travis Naibert – Geologist with the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys.

Travis has been a geologist with the DGGs Mineral Resources Section since May 2016. His focus is on field geology and geologic map production with a particular interest in structural geology, argon geochronology/thermochronology, and the use of GIS to aid in geologic mapping and geologic data management. Travis received his B.S. in Earth Science from Montana State University and M.S. in Geoscience from the University of New Mexico. He is the project lead for the 2021-2022 Taylor Mountain mapping project.



## Sean Regan

Sean Regan is an Assistant Professor and manager of the Geochronology Lab at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He completed his BSc at St Lawrence University and a MSc and PhD at the university of Massachusetts Amherst where he focused on multiply deformed genus's terrane sand monazite peteochronology.

After his PhD, Sean worked as a research geologist at the US Geological Survey working on IOA systems and deformational history of the eastern Adirondack Mountains. SEAN mived to AK in 2018, and had enjoyed working on structural controls of plutonic systems as well as dating important geologic processes associated with the construction of southern AK.



## **Varina Zinno**

Varina Zinno, M.Sc., CPG, is the Senior Geologist with Calista Corporation and is focused on further developing the mineral potential in the Calista region in SW Alaska. She also manages the NYAC gold project. Varina is a Certified Professional Geologist with over 13 years of experience in mineral exploration and mining spanning projects located in Canada, Western Lower 48, and all over Alaska in multiple deposit types. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Geological Sciences and dual minors in Chemistry and Fine Arts-Metalsmithing, and obtained a master's degree in Earth & Planetary Sciences, focus Mineralogy, from McGill University in 2010. In 2020, Varina was named one of the Alaska Journal of Commerce's Top 40 Under 40.



## **Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse**

Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse is President & CEO of Contango ORE Inc., working in partnership with Kinross and the Tetlin Alaska Native Tribe to develop the Manh Choh project outside of Tok, Alaska. Rick has more than 40 years of experience in mineral exploration and mine development in Alaska, and internationally. This includes eight years as President, Founder, and CEO of Trilogy Metals Inc. and 13 years as President, Founder, and CEO of NovaGold Inc. Prior to NovaGold, he served seven years as Vice President of Exploration for Placer Dome. Rick holds a Candidature degree in Science from Université de Louvain, Belgium and a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Arizona. He serves on the board of directors of American Copper Development Corporation and Valhalla Metals Inc.



## **Peter Kleespies**

Peter Kleespies, MSc. P. Geo, has over 30 years of technical and management experience in mineral exploration covering North and South America, Australia, and West Africa. Peter's corporate industry experience includes roles as Vice President - Exploration for North Country Gold Corp. and Niblack Mineral Development Inc., Director and President for Altiplano Minerals Ltd, and Director for Cedar Mountain Exploration Inc and Brilliant Resources Inc. Peter has extensive experience exploring for and delineating orogenic gold deposits, particularly in northern climates, having managed large exploration programs in the Canadian arctic across the Committee Bay greenstone belt and at Hope Bay greenstone belt for Miramar Mining Corp, where the 8.5-million-ounce gold deposit was sold to Newmont for \$1.5 billion in 2007. Peter holds MSc and BSc (Hons) degrees in geology from the University of Alberta.



## Bonnie Broman

Ms. Broman has over 15 years of experience in the natural resource sector most often working in remote exploration sites throughout Alaska and Montana – including the Ambler Mining VMS District, the operating Nixon Fork high grade skarn gold mine, and the Black Butte Copper deposit. She has managed remote logistics and training on several projects as well as having experience working with remote communities. She has been responsible for target generation and geological modeling in addition to QA/QC and database management. Database management includes designing logging systems to record all manner of geological, geochemical and geotechnical data, GIS data management, and QA/QC protocols as well as manipulating data by using 3D modeling tools. In addition, she has several years' experience working in the environmental clean-up industry focused on assessment of site infrastructure related to re-development. Ms. Broman holds a Master's degree from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks completing a geochemical and geo-metallurgical study of the Arctic volcanogenic massive sulfide deposit located in the Ambler Mining District; and an undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University in North Carolina.



## David A. Hedderly-Smith

David Hedderly-Smith, , Ph.D., P.G., is an independent consulting economic geologist based in Poulsbo, Washington. He holds a bachelor's degree in Geology from Western Washington State College (1971), a master's in Geological Sciences from the University of Washington (1975) and a doctorate in Geology and Geochemistry from the University of Utah (1997). He is a licensed Professional Geologist in Utah and a Q.P. under Canadian Securities Instrument N.I. 43-101.

Dave first came to work in Alaska in 1971 and in 1975 moved to Anchorage where, over the next ten years, he worked both in industry and in state government where he was the Deputy Director for Minerals in the Alaska Department of Natural Resources from 1981 to 1984. In 1985 Dave started the consulting geology business that he has now operated for nearly 40 years. His consulting business has focused on mineral exploration work predominantly in Alaska and the Yukon, but he has also worked in Utah, Colorado, California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington & North Carolina, and South America, Asia & Africa. Clients have included large and small exploration companies and Alaskan native corporations.

Dave has served as CEO and Chairman of the Board of Goldspan Resources, an American OTC company and on the boards and advisory boards of several Canadian junior exploration companies. He is currently Manager and lead member of the Mount Andrew Mining Company, Tubutulik Mining Company and Chulitna Mining Company LLCs, all Alaskan LLCs involved with exploration and development of Alaskan mineral properties.

Dave lives in Poulsbo, Washington with his wife Carolyn. They have two adult children, Arthur and Theo.



## Dave Larimer

Raised in Colorado, Dave attended the University of Colorado at Boulder for his undergraduate education in geology. Upon graduation, Dave was commissioned into the United States Army and “traveled” the world for free with no passport for 10 years. Dave’s first duty station was Fort Wainwright, got to experience the best parts of Alaska and decided this was “home”. Dave and his family moved back to Fairbanks upon completion of his military service. Dave has worked and studied economic geology from the academic, grassroots, greenfields, brownfields, production in surface and underground. While he has worked in multiple commodities, he is fond of gold and the geochemistry of gold hydrothermal deposits.

Dave’s hobbies DO NOT include camping or hiking as it is too much like the Army. Instead, Dave and his wife Vanessa can be found “Glamping” with their RV trailer and ATVs.

Dave is a Fairbanks Branch Director of AMA and is currently the Vice President of Exploration for Felix Gold.



## **Gabe Graf**

Gabe Graf, M.S., MBA, CPG, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2006) with a bachelor's degree in Hydrology, a master's degree in Economic Geology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (2008) and an MBA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (2018). He is an experienced geologist with a diverse background in both mining and exploration geology, previously with Newmont Mining Corporation, Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo, LLC and Northern Star Resources Ltd. He is currently a senior geologist with Millrock Resources and is the lead geologist on the Nikolai Ni-Cu-Co-PGE project.



## **Karsten Eden**

Dr. Karsten Eden is the Chief Geologist at the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office in Anchorage, Alaska and manages the Icy Cape Gold and Industrial Heavy Minerals Project. Karsten is a Certified Professional Geologist with over 25 years international experience in the supervision and management of mineral exploration and mine development projects in Alaska, Western Australia, West Africa, Scandinavia and Europe. Throughout his career, Karsten has provided consulting services to many international mining companies and has held several corporate geologist positions. He holds a doctorate degree in exploration geology from the University of Technology in Aachen, Germany.



## Zach Mahaffey

Zach Mahaffey has been with Western Alaska Minerals for two summers. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder and subsequently worked for an environmental consulting firm based in Denver. He eventually made his way to Alaska and completed his M.Sc. thesis on the Bornite deposit at the University of Alaska Fairbanks under the tutelage of Rainer Newberry.



## Cal Craig

Cal Craig was born and raised in Southeast Alaska and grew up commercial fishing with his parents in the small fishing community of Elfin Cove. After graduating high school from Juneau-Douglas (Go Bears!) he attended Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating in 2005 with an undergraduate degree in Land Reclamation. Cal's first job in the industry was as an Environmental Scientist working at Donlin. There weren't quite enough mosquitos there, so he's spent the past 12 years working up in the Brooks Range as the Environmental and Permitting Manager for Ambler Metals. Cal enjoys camping, boating and exploring Alaska with his wife and 2-year-old daughter Isla.



## **Ben Veach**

Ben Veach is a professional engineer and land planner. He is the Mining Sector Leader for Environmental Services in the U.S. for Stantec. He participates in all aspects of permitting and compliance support for mining and exploration. He is responsible for the management and execution of operations, planning, business development, quality control, safety, and team building. He leads teams that have a proven history of success with federal and state agencies, primarily in the lower forty-eight states.

His teams work on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Forest Service. The markets served include Gold, Copper, Lithium, Trona, Phosphate, and Industrial Aggregates. His professional teams provide baseline and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) services as either first- or third-party contractors, mostly in the Western U.S. He and his teams are best known for their expertise in orchestrating baseline services to meet NEPA needs.



## **Steve Teller**

Steve Teller is a geologist who has worked in the mining and environmental industries in Alaska for over 40 years. He is chief cook and bottle washer at Tundra Consulting and focuses mostly on hydrogeology and project management for the mining industry.



## **Enric Fernandez**

Enric Fernandez has been Donlin Gold's Permitting and Environmental Manager since August 2020. Prior to that time, Enric held the position of Senior Environmental Coordination between 2008 and 2017 and was involved in the execution of Donlin Gold's environmental baseline program and permitting effort. Enric's experience in natural resource development projects in Alaska is broad, not just in the mining, but also in the oil and gas sector. Enric was born and raised in Barcelona and moved to Alaska in 1994, where he graduated with a BA in Environmental Science from Alaska Pacific University in 1998. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife, and traveling to remote parts of the state or the world in search of birds and opportunities to see and photograph wildlife.



## Martin Stearns

Martin Stearns is currently Environmental and Surface Operations Manager at Hecla Greens Creek Mine and has been there since July 2021. Marty celebrated 40 years in mining in June of this year. He attended the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University, graduating with a Watershed Sciences/Management degree. He has worked 25 years in the coal industry in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Tennessee; six years in the soda ash industry in Wyoming and nine years in the hard rock gold and silver industry in North and South America and the Dominican Republic. His career has included working for Peabody Coal, Rio Tinto, Tronox/Genesis Alkali, Solvay Chemicals, Barrick Gold North America, and Hecla. His early career was focused on hydrology issues, he transitioned into permitting and then implementation of environmental management systems.



## **Kyle Moselle**

Kyle Moselle is the Executive Director for the Office of Project Management and Permitting organized in the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Kyle is proud to lead a team of professionals focused on coordinating multi-agency state regulatory reviews and authorizations, while collaboratively engaging federal agencies on land use planning and policy initiatives to maintain and enhance the state's economy, quality of life, and maximize the value of Alaska's vast natural resources.

Kyle is alumni of the University of Alaska Southeast where he earned a Bachelor of Science in marine biology and a Master of Public Administration. Since 2000, he has made Juneau his home with his wife and daughter. Kyle has worked for the State of Alaska in various natural resource management capacities for 15 years.



## **Darwin Green**

Founder of HighGold Mining, Darwin Green, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo., has 25 years of experience exploring and advancing gold and base metal systems in USA, Canada and Latin America, including a long and successfully history in Alaska. Previously he held the position of Vice President, Exploration for Constantine Metal Resources where he was involved with the discovery through PEA of the Palmer Cu-Zn deposit, and prior to that, led advanced exploration and early-stage development for Niblack Mining for which he received the Commissioner's Award for Project Excellence by the State of Alaska. His corporate credentials include involvement in multiple public financings and corporate transactions. Mr. Green holds both a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in economic geology.



## **Andy West**

I first arrived in Alaska in 1991 to attend UAF as graduate student after graduating from Beloit College in Wisconsin with a degree in Geology and History. I completed my master's thesis on a geochronologic study of the Mt McKinley pluton in December of 1994 and then moved to Juneau to take a temporary contract core logging job at the Greens Creek Mine. Over the next 16 years or so at Greens Creek I went from contract core logger, to supervising the underground drill program, to supervising the surface exploration program, to finally the exploration superintendent. I left Greens Creek in 2011, an operating high grade VMS to deposit, to work for NovaGold on advancing an undeveloped high grade VMS deposit, Arctic. For the last nine years I've been involved in the drilling and exploration programs for NovaCopper and their successor Trilogy's Upper Kobuk Mineral Projects. I am currently the Exploration Manager for Ambler Metals.



## **Kirsten Fristad**

Kirsten is a Geologist and Geochemist who has worked north of the Arctic Circle on all three continents.

She first came to Alaska as a summer intern at UAF in 2004 and returned in 2017 to work for Teck Resources advancing mineral deposits in the Red Dog district of the western Brooks Range. In the intervening years she developed planetary exploration instruments at NASA, earned a PhD from the University of Oslo on mineralized phreatomagmatic breccia pipes in Siberia, and taught at Western Washington University. Following Red Dog, she spent a season with HighGold at the Johnson Tract project and has been with Ambler Metals since early 2021. She is currently the Senior Ambler Belt Geologist.



## Kei Quinn

I am an exploration geologist driven by an innate curiosity of and appreciation for physical earth processes. To study this celestial body we also get to call home is both humbling and rewarding in its perfect blend of the applications of science, art, technology, field-based know-how, and at times a touch of philosophy.

I stumbled into a geologic career after a transformative summer of soil sampling throughout properties in British Columbia. I completed my BSc with honours in Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria in 2013 and then worked on the Palmer volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) Project in southeast Alaska where I experienced the thrill of collaborating with a dedicated team to discover the second VMS deposit on the property, the AG deposit. I am currently at the tail end of pursuing an MSc at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland focused on unravelling the lithostratigraphy and lithogeochemistry of the AG VMS deposit.

I'm certainly never bored working in Alaska - it is a geologic wonderland with glaciated aesthetics to boot! When I am not working in the mountains, I enjoy skiing on them.



## **Anna Atchison**

Anna Atchison is a lifelong Alaskan, born in Palmer and raised on a rural homestead at the base of the Talkeetna Mountains. She has called Fairbanks home for over 27 years. She especially enjoys traveling internationally with her husband Shane and their daughters Cate and Sam – students at Boise State and Monroe Catholic High, respectively.

Anna is the Director of External Affairs for Kinross Alaska. She has over two decades of experience in government and community affairs, ESG and social responsibility, communications and risk management.

She serves on the National Mining Association’s ESG Task Force as well as on the boards of the University of Alaska Foundation, Resource Development Council, the Council of Alaska Producers and others.



## **Kristina Walcott**

Ms. Walcott has worked in various capacities in the mining and mineral exploration industry for the past 20 years. She has been President and CEO of Freegold since September 2009, and a Director since July 2010. Ms. Walcott has held administrative and field positions including General Manager of Orex Laboratories, a diamond sample processing facility and Mines Land Manager for Pacific North West Capital and CanAlaska Uranium Limited, both Vancouver-based mineral exploration companies with extensive land positions in Canada and the United States. In addition she was actively involved in the geophysical contracting industry where she assisted in remote-site field geophysical surveys for major and junior mining firms. Prior to her appointment and President and CEO Ms. Walcott was the the Company's VP Business Development between March 2005 and September 2009 where she was responsible for identifying and acquiring new business opportunities in the mining sector.

## **Mike Schaffner**

Mike Schaffner has worked in design, construction, start-up, and operations of large mines throughout North America. Mr. Schaffner has successfully supported mine development and operations for Echo Bay (Kinross), Coeur, Newmont, and Ambler Metals. Prior to Joining Graphite One, Mr. Schaffner was the Study Director for Ambler Metals in Alaska. In July of 2022, Mr. Schaffner accepted the position as Sr. Vice President of Mining for the Graphite Creek Project. He is a graduate of Montana College of Mineral Science with more than 35 years of hard rock mining experience.



## **Clayton Gooden**

Clayton is an active employee of NANA Regional Corporation. He is a product of the Alaskan education system, most recently with an MBA from APU. He spent the first half of his career on international projects before returning to Alaska.



## **Lance Miller**

Lance has worked for over 30 years in the minerals industry throughout North America from Mexico to the Canadian and U.S. Arctic, in Asia, Russia and Africa. Miller has also worked in the economic development sector leading a technology transfer, entrepreneurial/business development organization.

He is an Executive board member of the Resource Development Council, Member of the Council of Alaska Producers, past chairman of the Alaska Minerals Commission and is on the University of Alaska Anchorage Geosciences Community advisory board as well as a mentor for Covenant House.

Miller has authored and co-authored over 25 scientific publications and holds a Ph.D. in economic and structural geology from the University of Arizona, an M.S. in economic geology from the University of Alaska and a B.S. in geology from Stanford University.

He is currently Vice President of Natural Resources for NANA Regional Corporation.



## **Hallie Bissett**

Hallie Bissett is Executive Director of the Alaska Native Village Corporation, representing more than 177 Alaska Native Village Corporations. Bissett was the youngest person yet to be elected to the Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) one of Alaska's 12 Regional Corporations created under ANCSA, a position she has held for over 10 years.

Bissett has been honored as one of Alaska's Top 40 Under Forty, University of Alaska College of Business Alumni of the Year, and NCAIED National Top forty under 40. She has a Bachelor's degree in Global Logistics Management and an MBA from the University of Alaska.



## **Brenda Pacarro**

Brenda is the workforce and shareholder development manager at Calista Corporation and part of a process improvement team that helps create better operational alignment through their innovative internship program and regional workforce development group. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and earned a graduate certificate from the Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program at APU. Brenda was born and raised on the Kuskokwim River and is a Shareholder employee of Calista Corporation.



## **Kristina Woolston**

Kristina Woolston joined the Donlin Gold management team as External Affairs Manager in February 2019. Prior to Donlin Gold, Kristina was the Vice President External Affairs for Quintillion, the company to build and now operate the first subsea fiber optic cable in the North American Arctic for more than ten years, Kristina served as the Vice President Government Relations for Chenega Corporation, the most successful Alaska Native Village Corporation, figuring prominently in the diverse government services contracting marketplace. An Alaska Native, Kristina was raised in Naknek and is a shareholder of Bristol Bay Native Corporation and Paug-Vik Ltd village corporation and a Tribal member of Naknek Native Village Council. Kristina and her husband Tim live in Anchorage, Alaska and have four children; Kristina holds a bachelor's degree in Government from Dartmouth College.



## **Cole Schaeffer**

Cole Maasagruaq Schaeffer is the Human Resources Superintendent for the Red Dog Mine. He was born in Nome and raised in Kotzebue, he is the son of the late John Jr. and Mary Schaeffer. His father was credited with persuading mine operators to agree to hire 60 percent of their workforce locally, to work two-week schedules to allow time for hunting and fishing. Cole's contributions and support have helped employees in furthering their careers and aspirations through quality training programs, creating development opportunities, and building a stronger workforce for Red Dog's continued success.

Before Red Dog, Cole was president and CEO of Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation, executive director of the Native Village of Kotzebue, chief operating officer of Network Business Systems, and executive vice president for Tikigaq Corporation – gaining more than 20 years of senior management experience. What Cole enjoys most about Red Dog is the people; he believes Red Dog is a unique place because of its employees and culture. In his 35 years of work experience, he feels Red Dog is by far the best work environment. In his off time, Cole enjoys spending time with family, participating in subsistence activities, and teaching his grandchildren values that will make them successful members of their communities.



## David Szumigala

David (Zoom) Szumigala is currently employed as a Geologist IV in the Mineral Resources Section of the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys. He is a mineral exploration geologist with over 40 years of experience in Alaska and he has worked on projects in most regions of the State. Zoom has been active with the AMA Fairbanks Branch for more than 20 years, serving as chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and director over the years, as well as chairing the technical sessions committee for the biannual Fairbanks AMA Conference since 2000. He believes in advocating for the Alaska mineral industry and educating the public on important issues for the industry and other natural resource industries. Zoom strongly supports educating Alaska's youth about the importance of mining in their lives. Dave and his wife, Ellen Daley, have three adult children, Matias, Antonio, and Nayeli. Zoom is involved with Running Club North and other local groups in the Fairbanks community, including serving as a Director, SafeSport Coordinator, and coach for the Hockey Club of Fairbanks, and as an assistant soccer coach for Monroe Catholic High School.



## Steve Ball

Steve Ball joined Coeur Alaska's Kensington Mine in November 2017 as the Technical Services Manager. Steve was appointed General Manager for the Kensington in June 2022. His career spans over 18 years in the Mining Industry both in underground and open pit mine operations in locations including Namibia, Argentina, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Russia, British Columbia, Nevada, and Alaska. Steve is an avid kayaker and spends much of his free time enjoying the outdoors with his wife Heather and their dog Moxie.



## **Robert (Bobby) Fithian**

Bobby is the general manager of Sundance Mining Company and has spent the past 40 years working in resource-based industries throughout Alaska including mining, forestry, guiding, agriculture and specialty construction, with a conservation focus for each of them.

He has previously served on the Anchorage AMA BOD, as our elected Statewide President and currently as chairman of the Ketchikan/Prince of Wales chapter.

He has served several additional industry leadership roles and numerous State/Federal appointments.

He founded Alaska Hardrock Mining in 1982 and continues to conduct unique projects throughout Alaska.

Currently, he is the co-founder, co-owner and general manager of Alaska's sixth operating hardrock mine, the Dawson Mine on Prince of Wales Island.



## **Tim Brueggeman**

Tim Brueggeman is chief engineer at Hecla Greens Creek Mining. He has 11 years in the mining industry and a bit over a year with Greens Creek. After growing up in Colorado and living in other parts of the lower 48 his whole life, he moved his wife and daughter to Alaska and plans to never leave.



## **Ben Holtz**

Ben Holtz is the project engineering superintendent for Coeur Alaska's Kensington Mine and has been with Coeur for 3 1/2 years. Prior to working in mining, he worked in the steel industry as an electrical engineer and foreman at a BOF/Casting operation. Ben graduated from Michigan Technological University with a B.S. in mechanical and electrical engineering, as well as a minor in music composition. Outside of work, Ben plays the cello with the Juneau Symphony and other groups locally. Ben enjoys fishing and hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter.



## Justin Seavey

Justin Seavey joined Usibelli Coal Mine (UCM) as a senior engineer in 2011. He is responsible for geologic modeling and resource estimation, as well as short-, mid-, and long-term mine planning. Mr. Seavey also oversees the engineering staff in the development and preparation of plans and designs that support UCM's goals of safety, environmental stewardship, and efficiency. In 2021, Justin was also tasked with researching opportunities for critical minerals and rare earth extraction from Alaska's coal and coal ash, as well as carbon capture, utilization, and storage opportunities in Alaska.

Before joining UCM, Mr. Seavey worked in the natural resources industry on a wide range of projects throughout the U.S. and internationally. From 2008 to 2011, he served as an engineering consultant for UCM assisting in permitting the Jumbo Dome Mine in Healy, as well as the Wishbone Hill Mine in Palmer. When the opportunity to join UCM arrived, Mr. Seavey quickly accepted because he enjoys the unique challenges that come with mining year-round in Alaska.

Growing up in Colorado, Mr. Seavey graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 2003. He and his growing family relocated to Healy, AK from Denver, Colorado in 2011. Mr. Seavey recently joined the University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni after graduating from the School of Management with a master's in business administration. Justin is also working to complete a graduate certificate from the Colorado School of Mines in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage.

In his free time, Justin enjoys spending time with his wife, Kristin, and his daughters, Sydney and Andie. He also enjoys learning to play the guitar, personal fitness, golf, skiing, hunting, fishing, and generally living an active lifestyle.



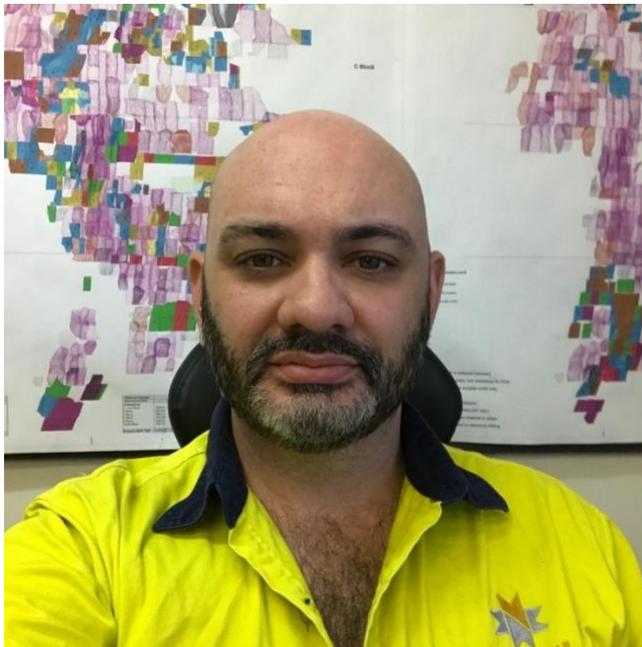
## Aaron Debrah

Aaron Debrah is a graduate from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks with a MSc degree in Mineral Preparation Engineering. His career with Fort Knox began 5 days after graduating from UAF. He is currently the Chief Metallurgist. Over the past 14 years, Aaron has held few positions at Fort Knox prior to the current role including Metallurgical Engineer, Lab Supervisor and Senior Lab Supervisor.



## Michael Eckert

Mick is a Mining Engineer with 20 years' experience in the mining industry, working predominantly in Underground hard-rock mines. He is currently the General Manager at Northern Star's Pogo Gold Mine, having previously been the site's Mining Manager from late 2019 through to December 2021. During that time, he oversaw Pogo's mine expansion, underground infrastructure upgrade and mining method transition which increased mine production by 65%. Mick has worked throughout Australia, plus Indonesia, China and now Alaska, holding various technical, operational and site mine management positions across a number of underground Gold, Copper, and Lead/Zinc mines. He has a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) from the University of Queensland, Australia.



## Adam Hawkins

Adam Hawkins is one of the leading practitioners in defining social, political, regulatory, and reputational risk for mining companies, explorationists, and mining financiers. He has helped clients across the globe develop successful engagement plans to mitigate risks and win the hearts and minds of their host communities.

Adam's knowledge has proved invaluable for clients seeking to more effectively position their projects with the public. He understands the importance of working with the community, identifying key stakeholders and forging partnerships, including with critical non-government organizations.

A fixture in the public affairs, communications, and lobbying community for almost two decades, Adam's insight is sought after and trusted by clients across the globe. He started his career as a staffer in the United States Senate. Prior to launching Global External Relations, Adam worked within two leading public policy firms, assisting clients on issues that included environment; water, natural resources, taxation, HR, commerce, transportation, and public lands. Additionally, Adam spent nearly seven years with Rio Tinto, an international mining company with projects on five continents.

All this experience has made Adam adept at working with key regulators such as the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mining Safety and Health Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers. Hawkins graduated with honors from Thunderbird School of Global Management with an International Master of Business Administration and holds a BA/ BS from Arizona State University.



## **Steve Buckley**

Steve has over 35 years experience in mineral exploration, mine reclamation, hydrology and monitoring. He has worked throughout the North and South American Cordillera, China and Mongolia.

He received Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Geology from the University of Montana.

He has worked on mineral property evaluation in Alaska for NANA and Sealaska and for the past 5 years has been the Chief of the Mining Section for DNR.