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John Driscoll  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Mining, Land, and Water  
PO Box 111020  
Juneau, AK 99811  
*Submitted via email*

Re: ADL 10946: Private Non-Exclusive Easement for Road and Staging Areas near Eagle and Herbert Rivers in Juneau

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of the easement application by GPG Alaska Resources, Inc.

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. AMA's more than 1,400 members come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Alaska's miners are individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

GPG Alaska Resources has requested to construct, maintain, and use a 15-foot wide, 1.3-mile long, unpaved access road and two 1-acre staging areas on state-owned, uplands approximately 21 miles northwest of Juneau, Alaska. The staging areas will be used to store equipment, drilling supplies, and rock core samples inside metal shipping containers. The staging areas will also be used for helicopter operations to transport supplies and materials to the applicant's mineral exploration sites (New Amalga Gold Project) on adjacent United States Forest Service (USFS) land near Herbert Glacier. If a mining operation is approved and developed on the adjacent USFS land, the 1.3-mile long road on state land will serve as the first segment of the access road to the project site.

This private easement on state land provides the first efficient segment of infrastructure for approved exploration of the New Amalga Gold Project, demonstrating GPG Alaska Resources' commitment to using existing highway access and low impact methods to advance responsible mineral development close to Juneau.

Staging helicopter operations at the proposed laydown areas just 1.3 miles off Glacier Highway will dramatically shorten flight distances to the New Amalga Gold Project, improving efficiency and safety



for 2026 drilling and environmental monitoring programs. Relocating helicopter staging away from Juneau International Airport and residential areas will reduce flight cycles, lowering carbon emissions, fuel use, and noise pollution over populated parts of Juneau while supporting essential exploration work.

The 15-foot unpaved access road and two one-acre staging areas have been carefully engineered by Grande Portage to minimize disturbance and fully respect ongoing recreational use in the Herbert River Valley and proximity to the Herbert Glacier Trail.

Road access to the laydown areas will enable GPG Alaska Resources to source more equipment, supplies, and services directly from local businesses, creating immediate economic opportunities for local vendors and contractors.

With the tremendous effort to mitigate local, safety, and environmental concerns, the easement application by GPG Alaska Resources should be approved. Doing so would be the first step toward a new mining opportunity in Southeast Alaska, bringing significant economic and community benefits to the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director