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## Department of Natural Resources

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Letter Sent Via Email Only

Re: Ross Adams Mine – Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent

Dear Ms. Riddle,

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW), has reviewed the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) for the Ross Adams Mine site located in Kendrick Bay, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska. After reviewing the agreement DMLW offers the following comments on the ASAOC.

The ASAOC calls for Newmont to look further into permitting needed for access to the site and use of the borrow materials. As the manager of State of Alaska Lands, including the tide and submerged lands that run from mean high tide to three nautical miles seaward, DMLW handles the permitting for land uses that are beyond what is permissible under general use.

A generally allowed use fact sheet is enclosed, outlining activities that are allowed on State land without authorization. It should be noted that the dock currently located in the bay is not generally allowed, has no active authorization, and is in trespass on State land.

For any State permitting questions that arise during the pre-investigation, please contact the DMLW – Southeast Regional Land Office using the below contact information.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed: GAU Fact Sheet