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Dear Mineral Industry Representative:

Your help is needed in the compilation of the official annual state report, *Alaska's Mineral Industry*, which is the best available compilation of Alaska's mineral industry activity. The importance of accurate information cannot be understated because it highlights the important economic impact the minerals industry provides Alaska and its citizens. The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development have produced this report for more than 30 years, yet the most important members of the publication team are **you**—the industry professionals/operators who take the time to answer the questionnaire. Your answers provided in the attached questionnaire are crucial to make an accurate compilation of 2012 exploration and mining activities in Alaska. This report is used by the minerals industry and government to highlight mining's importance to the state's economy, gauge the health of the industry, entice new companies to the state, plan projects, and develop fiscal policies.

The questionnaire format provides for single project reporting. Please make copies of the questionnaire to report on multiple projects. **Unless data is specifically marked as public information, it will remain confidential** and is not available to anyone besides authors of this report. Statistics on proprietary information will be aggregated into industry, regional, or sector totals and not attributed to individual operators. Please note:

- "Person-days" employment is the most commonly ignored request. If you don't know the exact number, your educated estimate is better than our guess. Mineral employment is one of the key factors used to indicate the health/strength of Alaska's mineral industry.
- Capital expenditures, drilling for ore definition, stripping for future ore mining, and so forth should be reported under development for an operational mine if the expenses are amortized or depreciated.
- Gross value of commodity produced is product value prior to smelter fees but considering recoveries.
- Please report development material quantities for mining operations if available; if not available, ores, concentrates, and metal production numbers are important.

Please complete and return the questionnaire in the enclosed addressed envelope no later than **May 15, 2013**. Your timely response will help us meet our deadlines. *If you cannot meet this deadline, please submit your report at your earliest possible convenience.* You may also fax (907.451.5050) or email your reply ([minerals.report@alaska.gov](mailto:minerals.report@alaska.gov)). Thank you for working with us to make this document as accurate, timely, and useful as possible.

Sincerely,

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