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Dear Mineral Industry Member:

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 <<http://www.dggs.alaska.gov/pubs/minerals>>. The minerals industry and government use this report to gauge the health of the industry, entice new companies to the state, plan projects, develop fiscal policies, and assess the economic benefit of mining to the Alaskan economy.

For more than 30 years, the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys and the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development's Division of Economic Development have produced this report. We work closely with other agencies that collect mining data, such as the Division of Mining, Land & Water in DNR and the Department of Revenue; however, specific information needed for the report may not be available from these agencies due to confidentiality or data format incompatibilities. Your answers provided in the questionnaire are crucial to make an accurate compilation of 2013 exploration and mining activities in Alaska.

The questionnaire is available as a Word document or Excel spreadsheet at <http://www.dggs.alaska.gov/minerals_questionnaire>. Please use additional copies of the questionnaire to report on multiple projects. **Data will remain confidential unless it is specifically marked as public information or it is already in the public record.** Statistics on proprietary information will be aggregated into industry, regional, or sector totals and not attributed to individual operators.

Please complete and return the questionnaire no later than **March 31**. 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). Thank you for working with us to make this document as accurate, timely, and useful as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Freeman".

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