

# Rick Solie

March 13, 2023

RE: Manh Choh Comments on draft Reclamation Plan Approval (F20232626RPA) and draft Waste Management Permit No. 2023DB0001

Dear Sirs:

My name is Rick Solie and I live in Fairbanks, Alaska - and have for over 50 years, twenty in the resource development industry. I have reviewed the Reclamation and Closure Plan and Waste Management Plan for Manh Choh and ask for your approval.

The plan is thorough, science based and provides the necessary financial assurance to ensure that the unanticipated events are covered. Importantly, the plan considered the community desires and was written in consultation with the landowners, who will be long after the mining is done.

Kinross Alaska, who will operate the mine, is a respected mining company, with an environment and safety record here that is very impressive. Much could be said about the good care that they have taken in Fairbanks at the Fort Knox Mine – especially in their reclamation. They engaged diligently and listened to the residents of Tetlin, Tok, and other of the nearby communities.

When it comes to local purchasing, training and hiring, Kinross is top notch, something the business community is very appreciative of. I know many in the Fairbanks Borough that work at their Fort Knox mine and have been trained along a career path that has provided high paying jobs and rewarding work.

Please approve this permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

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