STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1221
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry

Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Colaska pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (b)(7) – ADL 231575

Pursuant to *AS 38.05.035*, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (Department), Division of Mining, Land, and Water has issued a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land (Government Lot 9) into private ownership located near Mile Post 78 of the George Parks Highway, within U.S. 9031. As noted in the Preliminary Decision for the Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Colaska, issued March 8, 2019, Lot 9 is within Unit K-58 of the *Southeast Susitna Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, the Department proposes to close the subject parcel to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 19 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with *AS 38.05.300* for a land disposal. Mining activity on the subject parcel would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with *AS 38.05.945*. Review of comments are addressed in the Final Finding and Decision.

In accordance with *AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No 1221.

Concur: /S/ Martin W. Parsons — 4/29/19
Martin W. Parsons, Director — Date
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Approved: /S/ Corri A. Feige — 5/9/19
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner — Date
Department of Natural Resources

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__X__ **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry** _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Colaska Preference Right Sale – ADL 231575

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding,* applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

Southeast Susitna Area Plan, adopted April 28, 2008

Preliminary Decision, Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Colaska pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (b)(7)– ADL 231575, March 8, 2019 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

III. Authority: *AS 38.05.185* and *AS 38.05.300*.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Lot 9 of U.S. Survey 9031 within Section 6 Township 20 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by *AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275* and *AS 38.05.300* to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a)*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur: /S/ Martin W. Parsons 4/29/19
Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources
Date

Approved: /S/ Corri A. Feige, 5/9/19
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Date