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### **AIDEA Study Highlights Transportation and Port Capacity as Key to Unlocking Alaska's Mineral Potential**

Anchorage, Alaska — The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) has released the *Alaska Mineral Production, Transportation, and Port Capacity Study*, a comprehensive analysis outlining how strategic investments in transportation infrastructure and port capacity can support increased mineral production and strengthen Alaska's role in domestic and global supply chains.

The study examines current and projected mineral production across Alaska and evaluates how road, rail, and port infrastructure—particularly in Southcentral Alaska—can better support the efficient movement of minerals to market. Findings indicate that targeted improvements to transportation networks and port facilities would enhance reliability, reduce logistical constraints, and improve Alaska's competitiveness for future mineral development projects.

Alaska is home to some of the world's most significant mineral resources, including zinc, gold, silver, and critical minerals essential for modern manufacturing, energy technologies, and national security. As demand for these resources continues to grow, the study emphasizes the importance of aligning infrastructure capacity with long-term production potential.

Based on these findings, this report concludes that advancing a scalable port development concept at Port MacKenzie represents the most durable path for supporting Alaska's mineral export needs. This development path aligns near-term infrastructure investments with long-term demand while preserving flexibility as production profiles evolve. The report also highlights the role of Alaska's ports in supporting mineral exports, identifying opportunities to expand capacity, improve intermodal connections, and position the state as a reliable gateway for domestic and international markets.

The [\*Alaska Mineral Production, Transportation, and Port Capacity Study\*](#) and the [\*Summary Page for the Alaska Mineral Production, Transportation, and Port Capacity Study\*](#) are available [here](#) on AIDEA's website and will help inform future planning, policy discussions, and investment decisions related to Alaska's mineral and infrastructure development.

### **About AIDEA**

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is a public corporation of the State of Alaska. AIDEA's mission is to promote, develop, and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska. AIDEA's continued partnership with the

shipyard reflects its mission to promote sustainable development and long-term opportunities for Alaskans.

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