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### **Parnell Administration Officials Showcase Alaska at Minerals Industry Event**

(Vancouver, BC) – Alaska's vast mineral endowment and investment opportunities will be showcased at the Mineral Exploration Roundup (Roundup) from January 23 through 26, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The annual event draws more than 5,800 participants from 33 countries representing all facets of mineral exploration and mine development.

"Roundup is an outstanding venue to promote investment in Alaska's emerging mining developments and exploration of new mineral potential," says Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Commissioner Susan Bell. "In partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, and the Department of Transportation, Alaska has a strong coordinated presence at Roundup to describe mining activity, advances in geological data and mapping, enhanced permitting resources, and expanded infrastructure."

While at Roundup, Alaska representatives will promote the state through two trade show exhibits, discuss recent developments in mining at informational sessions, and meet with mine investors and developers and other government officials.

In addition to the state's participation, a number of developing mines in Alaska will be represented at Roundup through trade show exhibits, informational map sessions, and technical presentations in the Core Shack, where core samples from new discoveries, prospects, advanced projects and operating mines are displayed and discussed.

A longstanding Roundup tradition is Alaska Night, hosted by the Alaska Miners Association, held Wednesday, January 25, at the Roundup headquarters venue, the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

"Alaska welcomes responsible mineral development. Roundup is an opportunity to establish productive and ongoing engagement with the minerals and mining industry," Bell added. "We see a number of developing mines move into construction and operation in the next few years," Bell added. "We anticipate tremendous growth in high-paying mining jobs, demand for goods and services to support these mines, and increased export of Alaska's mineral resources."

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