Southeast’s mining industry provides:

- **800** Direct mining jobs in Southeast Alaska, or almost 1 in 5 mining jobs statewide.
- **1,600** Total direct and indirect jobs in Southeast Alaska attributed to the mining industry.
- **$121 million** Total direct and indirect wages.
- **$111,370** Estimated average annual wage, providing Southeast's highest paying jobs with a more than twice the regional average for all sectors of the economy.
- **$3.8 million** Local government revenue paid through property and sales taxes.
- **$246,000** Charitable contributions to about 120 Southeast nonprofit organizations.

**2017 Economic Impacts**

*Estimated*

**Exploration**

- **$20 million** spent on exploration

**Development**

- **$72 million** spent on mine expansion and other capital investments

**Production**

- Approximately **8.4 million ounces of silver** and **166,000 ounces of gold** produced
- **$433 million** in base metal concentrates

**Strengthening Local Economies and Communities**

- Significant payments to the State of Alaska for Mining License Tax and Corporate Income Tax.
- **$113 million** spent with more than 80 Southeast vendors.
- Mining employees live in **16 Southeast communities**.
- Largest City & Borough of Juneau property tax payer – **$1.7 million** paid by Greens Creek.
- Second largest City & Borough of Juneau property tax payer – **$1.4 million** paid by Kensington.
- **$28,000** in sales tax paid by Constantine to the Haines Borough.
- First (Greens Creek) and second (Kensington) largest for-profit employers in Southeast Alaska, in terms of payroll.
**Exploration Projects**

**Bokan Mountain-Dotson Ridge (Ucore Rare Metals)**
- Rare earth oxide
- Located on Prince of Wales Island, 37 miles southwest of Ketchikan
- Preliminary Economic Assessment completed in 2013
- $221 million in projected capital costs
- Ketchikan selected as preferred location for Rare Earth Metals separation facility

**Herbert Gold (Grand Portage)**
- Gold
- Located 20 miles north of Juneau
- Third year of baseline environmental water studies completed in 2013
- Exploration program including 108 core sample holes drilled to date

**Niblack (Heatherdale Resources)**
- Copper, gold, zinc, and silver
- Located on Prince of Wales Island, 27 miles southwest of Ketchikan
- $43 million in exploration spending since 2009
- Continued infrastructure maintenance, environmental monitoring, and permit compliance
- 200 potential production jobs

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**Advanced Exploration Projects**

**Palmer (Constantine)**
- Copper, zinc, gold, and silver
- Located 37 miles northwest of Haines
- $7 million in 2017 for exploratory drilling, access road construction, and ongoing environmental and geotechnical studies
- Nearly $37 million invested since 2006

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**Producing Mines**

**Greens Creek (Hecla Mining Company)**
- Silver, zinc, gold, and lead
- Largest silver mine in the U.S. & in the top 10 producers worldwide
- 3rd largest zinc producer in the U.S.
- 8th largest lead producer in the U.S.
- Discovered in 1975, producing from 1989 to 1993, and continuously since 1996
- Largest payer of property tax in the City & Borough of Juneau
- Largest Southeast Alaska for-profit employer, in terms of payroll
- Approximately 420 employees

**Kensington (Coeur Alaska)**
- Gold
- Produced 115,094 ounces of gold in 2017
- Exploration underway to expand ore zones
- 2nd largest private sector employer in Southeast Alaska in terms of payroll
- 2nd largest payer of property tax in City & Borough of Juneau
- 360 employees in 2017

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