

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **COEUR BEGINS PRODUCTION AT NEW KENSINGTON GOLD MINE IN ALASKA**

*Long-life pure gold mine to have major positive impact on Southeast Alaska economy*

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho – June 24, 2010 - Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation (NYSE:CDE, TSX:CDM, ASX:CXC) is pleased to announce today that production has commenced ahead of schedule at its Kensington Gold Mine in Alaska. The Company anticipates that Kensington will produce 50,000 ounces of gold during the remainder of 2010 and will average approximately 125,000 ounces of gold annually over the mine's initial 12.5 year life. Once in full production, cash costs are expected to average approximately \$490 per ounce over the mine life.

“Kensington represents Coeur's third new precious metals mine to commence production in the past three years and will provide continued, meaningful growth to the Company's production and cash flow,” said Dennis E. Wheeler, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coeur. “In addition, the startup of production at Kensington represents the culmination of a community-wide effort by the Juneau community, which has supported the project from the beginning and who will participate in the economic benefits Kensington will provide.”

Leon Hardy, Coeur's Senior Vice President of Operations, commented, “We are extremely pleased with the timely completion and early startup at Kensington and look forward to ramping up production during the remainder of the year and delivering consistent results over the coming years.”

Coeur Alaska will employ close to 200 workers during operations. The Company works closely with Berners Bay Consortium, made up of Klukwan, Inc., Kake Tribal and Goldbelt Native Corporations on job training and supporting local and Native hire at Kensington.

#### **About Coeur**

Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation is one of the world's leading silver companies and also a significant gold producer. Coeur is also a recognized leader in environmental stewardship and worker safety, with nine national and international awards earned over the past year. The Company's three new long-life mines include the San Bartolomé silver mine in Bolivia which began operations in 2008, the Palmarejo silver/gold mine in Mexico, which began operations in 2009, and the Kensington gold mine in Alaska. The Company also owns underground mines in Argentina and one surface mine in Nevada, and owns a non-operating interest in a low-cost mine in Australia. The Company conducts exploration activities in Alaska, Argentina, Chile and Mexico. Coeur common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CDE, and the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CDM, and its CHES Depository Interests are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange under symbol CXC.

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