



February 18, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Alaska District
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Subject: Support of Alternative 2 for the proposed Donlin Gold Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alaska Chamber would like to express its support for Alternative 2 for the proposed Donlin Gold Project.

The mission of the Chamber is to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber represents hundreds of businesses, manufacturers and local chambers from across Alaska. Our members support resource development that is both done in a responsible manner and brings economic opportunity to Alaska and its residents.

The proposed project would be a boon to the economy of the region as well as the State. It is projected to provide 3,000 construction jobs in the first four years and up to 1,400 jobs during operation. These wouldn't be the only jobs created by the development of this proposed project. Indirect jobs related to logistics, transportation, training, education, and health care would all be created as a result of this project.

While the economic benefits are important, it is also important that the project be done responsibly. Donlin Gold is committed to developing and operating this project in an environmentally responsible manner. In looking through their alternative state-of-the-art technology will be employed and will bring in practices that in some cases have never been used on a large mine in Alaska.

Donlin Gold has a proven track record that should give the Corps of Engineers the confidence in selecting Alternative 2 and allowing Donlin Gold to move forward with the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Curtis W. Thayer'.

Curtis W. Thayer
President and CEO

From: [donlingoldeis, POA](#)
To: [Craig, Bill](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Alaska Chamber Support for Donlin Mine
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 7:01:02 AM
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Please see attached letter.

Warm Regards,

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