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Subject: Comments in support of the DEIS for the responsible development of the Donlin Creek Gold Mine.

Review Team,

Alaska Maritime Agencies is the premiere vessel agency operating in Alaska since the 1950's. As such, we have been involved in projects that have included the startup and maturation of the cruise/visitor industry throughout the state, the TAPS trade in Valdez and the fisheries industry in Dutch Harbor/Western Alaska. We have also been involved in the arctic activity spearheaded by Shell. With the later now off the table for the foreseeable future, we strongly recommend that you support the Donlin Creek Gold Mine project.

We feel that there are ample studies that this project will be operated in a responsible manner and they will adopt the best practices for this industry.

At a time when our state is under serious financial stress, the Donlin Gold Mine will stimulate job creation – not only the mining project itself, but also the maritime industry, transportation and many other industries.

Sincerely,

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