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Dear Mr. Gordon,

A robust workforce and associated economic benefits provided by the Donlin Gold project is clearly in the public interest. APICC strongly urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider the economic benefits that Alternative 2 will have on the Yukon-Kuskokwim region and Alaska as a whole.

A letter of support for the Donlin Gold project is attached to this email.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement Donlin Gold Project

Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium (APICC) is writing to support Alternative 2 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Donlin Gold Project. APICC is a statewide workforce development organization comprised of individuals and companies within Alaska's Oil and Gas, Mining, Construction, Maritime, and Health Care sectors. This includes Alaska Native Corporations, private companies, organized labor, and educational institutions. APICC works with industry and educational institutions to prepare Alaskan's to work in living-wage jobs in Alaska.

With the State of Alaska having a budgetary crisis due to the low price of oil and gas, coupled with a decrease in the amount of oil passing through the Trans Alaska Pipeline, it is important that alternative industries, such as mining, develop in Alaska. Donlin Gold proposes to develop land in partnership with the surface owner, the Kuskokwim Corporation and the subsurface owner, Calista Corporation. The proposed mining project will provide an economic benefit to the communities within the mine area, other regional and village corporations via royalty distribution pursuant to the 7(i) and 7(j) provisions of ANCSA, and the State of Alaska.

Donlin Gold has committed to supporting Alaskan workers, contractors, and service providers with priority given to qualified Calista shareholders, their family members, and other residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region. In recent years, nearly 90 percent of employees at the Donlin Gold Camp have been regional shareholders and decedents.

Should the Donlin Gold project advance to a mine, potential operations would likely include 3,000 jobs during the four year construction period and between 600 and 1,200 direct long-term jobs including: miners, heavy and light duty equipment operators and mechanics, engineers, geologists, metallurgists, lab technicians, environmental scientists, and drillers, electricians, carpenters, office managers, accountants, health and safety specialists, medics, warehouse staff, janitors, truck drivers, and cooks over the minimum 27 year life of the mine. If this long-term project moves forward, it is essential to begin talking to students today to ensure an available, well-trained Alaskan workforce.

A robust workforce and associated economic benefits provided by the Donlin Gold project are clearly in the public interest. APICC strongly urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider the economic benefit that Alternative 2 will have on the Yukon-Kuskokwim region and Alaska as a whole.

Sincerely

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