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Subject: FW: Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment
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From: donlingoldeis, POA [<mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 6:23 AM
To: Craig, Bill
Subject: FW: Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment

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From: Bill Popp [<mailto:bpopp@aedcweb.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 9:58 AM
To: donlingoldeis, POA <POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached letter of comment.

Sincerely,

Bill Popp

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March 28th, 2016

Mr. Keith Gordon
Project Manager
Donlin Gold Project EIS
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Re: Comments on Donlin Gold Project EIS

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I write today to express the support of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) for the construction and operation of the Donlin Gold mine project in the Crooked Creek region in southwest Alaska. It is our belief this project can be safely constructed and operated in a manner that protects key aspects of the local environment while economically benefiting the citizens and communities of both Southwest and Southcentral regions of Alaska.

Alaska has demonstrated that by using state of the art mining technologies and methodologies in projects located throughout Alaska, environmental concerns can be addressed and the ecosystem protected while developing mineral resources that greatly benefit the regions those projects are located. Projects like the Red Dog Zinc Mine, Greens Creek Silver Mine, Ft. Knox Gold Mine, Pogo Gold Mine, and Usibeli Coal Mine.

These projects generate hundreds of jobs and tens of millions of dollars in local economic activities in regions that would otherwise suffer economically if these projects did not exist. The Donlin Gold project offers this significant opportunity not only to the region in which it will be located, but will also offer significant benefit to the Cook Inlet region by providing a significant new buyer of natural gas on a consistent, year-round basis.

The result is the creation of thousands of jobs in both regions, with a corresponding investment of billions of dollars in both the mine site, natural gas infrastructure in the Cook Inlet Region and the new natural gas pipeline that will ultimately serve the energy needs of both regions. Cost effective energy for the mine site, and a more competitive energy market for the Cook Inlet Basin. And an added benefit of significantly more environmentally friendly energy source for the mine project than alternatives such as diesel.



AEDC supports the development of the Donlin Gold Project as a vital step towards significant new economic opportunities to Alaskan communities in the Southwest region while adding expanded economic benefits to the communities of the Southcentral region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "WP", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Bill Popp
President & CEO