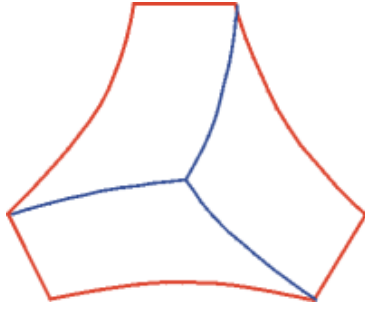


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Mr. Gordon - attached please find my comments on the draft EIS for the Donlin Gold project, Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Mr. Gordon,

On behalf of Avalon Development Corporation I am submitting these written comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) recently published as part of the permitting requirements for the proposed Donlin mine project in southwest Alaska. Please accept the following comments for public record:

1. Avalon Development Corp. is an Alaska corporations whose sole business in geological exploration and development consulting for the minerals industry. Avalon has been active in Alaska since 1985.
2. Through numerous clients, some of which still maintain mineral interests in the area, Avalon has worked extensively in southwestern Alaska and worked on the Donlin gold project in the mid-1990s.
3. My staff and I have had the opportunity to observe and consult with the Barrick Gold – NovaGold Resources JV and its predecessor, Placer Dome, operate in the area since the mid-1990s.
4. Donlin Gold LLC has shown itself to be a good Alaska citizen and an exemplary ambassador for the Alaska mining industry. Their efforts to keep over 50 communities in the region informed of their activities over a 20-year time frame set a new standard of excellence in our industry and our state.
5. Avalon supports approval of Alternative 2 of the DEIS because we believe it provides

the most cost-effective and environmentally sound approach to mine construction, operation and closure.

Thank you for the opportunity to supply my comments for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,
AVALON DEVELOPMENT CORP.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Freeman', written in a cursive style.

Curtis J. Freeman
President

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