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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Project EIS Comment

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Dear Sir:

I am writing today in support of the Donlin Gold Project proposed to be constructed in Western Alaska.

As Business Unit leader for Crowley Fuels, I deal with the energy needs of rural Alaska every day. Our company delivers fuel to over 280 communities in western Alaska, including our own fuel terminals in Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, McGrath, Aniak, Hooper Bay, Fort Yukon, Galena and St Mary's. The logistics of fuel deliveries in western Alaska are extremely challenging, especially given the lack of infrastructure, e.g. port facilities, throughout the region. In our view, the development of the Donlin Gold project will bring new energy supplies to this region leading to lower cost energy to Bethel and the Kuskokwim River region, benefiting thousands of residents.

In addition, a successful mine will bring many job opportunities and spin off economic benefits for a region that has a very limited private economy. Family values run deep in the native Alaskan communities of western Alaska and consequently when young people have to move away from their home in order to find a paying job it can be devastating. Donlin Gold will therefore strengthen communities by providing numerous in-region jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Bob

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