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RE: Donlin Gold Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Donlin Gold Project. Alaska was granted Statehood on the premise that it would be allowed to develop its natural resources to the best benefit of its citizens and to be able to provide a stable economy for its citizens. The Donlin project has demonstrated it follows the practice of utilizing the highest and best use of a resource.

The proposed Donlin project as presented has the potential to provide a stable economy to an otherwise economically depressed region of Alaska. The mine when in production has the potential to employ up to 1200 people with mine activities. The effect of having 1200 people employed with stable employment will help enable an otherwise depressed region to prosper. With a means of earning a living in a rural region either with direct employment to the mine or through a support industry it will enable those Alaska citizens that enjoy a rural life style the opportunity to live and prosper where they otherwise would not. The Mine when in operation would have the ability to provide much need support for many of sorely need services in the region such rural schools and improved roads and services to its citizens.

With current rigorous permitting regulations Alaska is a showcase for responsible resource development. Although there are no guarantees with any development Alaska has demonstrated that through responsible development large scale developments can be developed in a safe and harmonious regard to the environment.

Public involvement in any project is imperative. Through the EIS process Donlin, the Corp of Engineers and other stake holders in the project have been proactive in getting those interested parties informed and engaged as the project moves forward. Through the process many suggestions have come forward that have been considered and if feasible have been written in to the project. Through the process there have been considerations and changes on numbers of barges that would be on the Kuskokwim River, demonstrating that through the process there is consideration to the environment and the people of the region.

I feel as if the Donlin project deserves our support and priority to move the project forward in a responsible and timely manner for the benefit of all the people of Alaska.

Respectfully

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