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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Re: Donlin Gold EIS Comments

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers:

I am providing the following comments in support of the Alaskan Donlin Gold project located in the Yukon Kuskokwim region.

- As an economic stimulant to the current economic situation that the State of Alaska is facing, the Donlin Gold project will provide a much needed boost to the State's economic crisis. The project will provide a reliable source of income for years to come, which allow employees to stimulate and provide money into the Alaskan economy.
- With the plans that Donlin Gold have provided, the mine and its infrastructure will provide Alaskan businesses to provide services, equipment, supplies, and manpower that will again provide the economic stimulus and money that the State of Alaska and the Yukon Kuskokwim region needs.
- The mine project will provide financial stability to the state and region for decades.
- The project will provide approximately 3,000 jobs during its construction and between 600 and 1,200 permanent jobs at the mine. Not only will direct jobs will be added to the Alaska economy, indirect jobs and business opportunities will be added to the state and region. Alaska needs these jobs with the economic downturn that is being felt with the collapse of the Alaskan oil industry.
- Through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 7(i) and 7(j) revenue sharing, the Donlin Gold project will provide dividends to all Alaska Native shareholders.
- As with large mine projects in Alaska, Donlin Gold is committed to Alaska hires with priority given to TKC and Calista shareholders that are qualified to work in the mining industry. Donlin's local hire record of at least 90% demonstrates commitment to hiring residents of the Yukon Kuskokwim region.
- Donlin Gold is committed to being an environmentally responsible mine. This is particularly the case with the tailings storage facility being fully lined and ultimately to be a dry-stack facility.
- The project is designed to reduce the overall footprint of the mine and allow for safe management of water over the life and post closure of the mine.
- The project's mining activities will not disturb the region's residents/ subsistence way of life and practices as determined by Donlin Gold's surveys of the Kuskokwim River. This is further evident with the proposed buried natural gas pipeline as the primary source of fuel for the mine's power generation.
- Donlin Gold is further committed to the environment with environmental studies dating back to the mid-1990s.

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- The mine's air emissions will be controlled with emission control systems for the various equipment and processes. The mine will also have the necessary State of Alaska permit(s) in hand to construct and operate their equipment to comply with strict standards of the Clean Air Act.
- All water will be managed in accordance with the State of Alaska discharge permits to comply with the Clean Water Act.
- The Donlin Gold project will also manage wetlands in accordance with the requirements set forth in any 404 Army Corps of Engineers wetlands permits.

In summary, the Donlin Gold project is a project that Alaska needs and should move forward for the permitting process. I strongly support this project and look forward to all the benefits that the mine will provide to Alaskan residents for decades to come.

Sincerely,



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Alaskan Resident