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In all respects this project has impressed me very favorably.

Throughout its development to this stage there has been a consistent emphasis on accommodating the local cultures and good safety practices. I can see this approach in the environmental impact statement and have noted the care with which this document has been prepared. I'm convinced that it is well thought out and an appropriate approach to mining this deposit.

The economics of Rural Alaska are always quite thin and changes over the last 5 years has made it both more expensive and harder to maintain their life style out here. This project very likely will provide a major improvement for many people, particularly within this region. My observation is that this formation contains less acid forming chemicals and so I feel the impact of these is not too hard to manage.

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