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Alaska trade organizations: We commend our congressional delegation for support of the Donlin Gold project

ANCHORAGE, April 26, 2024 – Alaska trade organizations today expressed collective gratitude to Alaska’s congressional delegation for their united support of the Donlin Gold project. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, along with Representative Mary Peltola, have helped the project move forward by filing a joint amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court. Their alignment on this issue shows bipartisan commitment to increasing economic opportunities within one of Alaska’s most economically challenged regions.

The Donlin Gold project is one of the state’s most promising development prospects. It has already provided a significant economic boost to the region through direct spending, employment, and community investments. With production estimates of one million ounces of gold annually over a 27-year span, Donlin Gold is poised to improve the region's socioeconomic landscape while protecting the environment and ensuring traditional subsistence activities continue.

We applaud the delegation for recognizing the incredible potential of the Donlin Gold project and for their unwavering dedication to advancing responsible resource development in Alaska. Their advocacy is appreciated by the majority of Alaskans who support current and future resource development, but who also rightfully demand balance between economic progress and environmental responsibility.

As the delegation noted, the Donlin Gold project has been subject to a meticulous and comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process over the last 6.5 years, meeting stringent guidelines mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This exhaustive environmental review means potential impacts were thoroughly evaluated and addressed.

In our collective view, the Donlin Gold project has been a leader in community engagement, organizing hundreds of community meetings to hear input and engage with stakeholders. These engagements continue to provide communities with opportunities to participate in the project planning process.

About the Alaska Miners Association

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. AMA's more than 1,400 members come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Alaska's miners are individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

About the Alaska Support Industry Alliance

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance is a 45-year-old professional trade association representing 500 Alaska companies with 35,000 employees who provide support to the oil, gas and mining industries in Alaska.

About the Associated General Contractors of Alaska

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) is the construction trade association in Alaska representing over 620 contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and businesses. Founded in 1948, our mission is to advocate, educate, and promote the construction industry in Alaska.

About Alaska Metal Mines

Alaska Metal Mines is a professional association formed in 1992 to represent Alaska's large metal mines and advanced projects. We work to inspire Alaskans to support a growing mining industry that produces essential minerals while prioritizing safe operations, community partnerships, and environmental protection.

About the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

RDC is a statewide professional trade association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's fishing, forestry, mining, oil and gas, and tourism industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, government entities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

About the Alaska Chamber

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing more than 700 businesses, manufacturers, and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies

employ more than 55,000 hard-working Alaskans. The Chamber advocates for a positive investment climate that provides certainty and stability for Alaska.

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