ALASKA CHAMBER

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Donlin Gold SEIS Comments
USACE, Alaska District, Regulatory Division
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Re: Donlin Gold Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

The Alaska Chamber supports responsible development of the Donlin Gold Project and encourages the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to complete the supplemental review in a timely manner.

The Alaska Chamber is Alaska's most diverse statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, directly representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and $4.6 billion in wages.

The Donlin Gold Project has already undergone an extensive, multi-year federal environmental review. That process culminated in the 2018 Final Environmental Impact Statement and Joint Record of Decision and included substantial technical analysis, interagency coordination, public participation, and evaluation of the project's environmental, social, economic, and subsistence impacts.

The current SEIS serves one specific purpose: supplementing that record with analysis of a larger hypothetical tailings release scenario as directed by the U.S. District Court. The court left the other substantive analyses contained in the Final EIS and Joint Record of Decision in place. We encourage the agencies to maintain the focused scope of this supplemental review and avoid unnecessarily reopening issues that were previously evaluated and are outside the scope of the remand.

The Chamber recognizes the importance of thoroughly evaluating the potential consequences of a larger tailings release. Tailings management is a critical component of responsible mine development, and the SEIS should provide a rigorous, science-based assessment of potential social, economic, and subsistence impacts associated with the scenarios under review.

At the same time, that analysis should consider the substantial engineering and regulatory framework surrounding the proposed tailings storage facility. The project has undergone technical review addressing geotechnical stability, water and seepage management, monitoring, mitigation, and long-term closure. Alaska's Dam Safety Program also provides an important layer of regulatory oversight through engineering review, approvals, inspections, and operational requirements. These safeguards and ongoing regulatory responsibilities should be appropriately reflected in the agencies' consideration of the supplemental analysis.

The Donlin Gold Project represents a significant long-term economic opportunity for Alaska, particularly the Yukon-Kuskokwim region. Development of the project would support direct and indirect

employment, create contracting and supplier opportunities for Alaska businesses, generate private investment, and support economic activity in communities across the region and state. These opportunities are particularly meaningful in an area where year-round employment, private-sector investment, and durable infrastructure can provide lasting economic benefits.

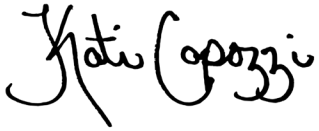
Large-scale resource projects require significant investments of time and capital long before construction begins. A permitting process that is rigorous, transparent, and predictable is therefore essential to Alaska's ability to attract investment and responsibly develop its natural resources. When applicants have completed extensive environmental review and addressed additional analysis required by the courts, they should have a clear and timely path toward a final agency decision.

If the supplemental analysis confirms that the project's existing design, mitigation measures, and regulatory framework remain adequate, the Alaska Chamber encourages the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management to reaffirm the 2018 Joint Record of Decision and existing federal authorizations without unnecessary delay.

Alaska has demonstrated that responsible resource development and environmental stewardship can coexist. The Donlin Gold Project presents an opportunity to continue that record while bringing substantial economic opportunity to a region of the state where private sector investment can have an enduring impact.

Thank you for considering the perspective of Alaska's business community and for your continued work to complete this supplemental review.

Sincerely,



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