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6.0 OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY COORDINATION

Donlin Gold, LLC (Donlin Gold) and previous operators of the Donlin Gold project have engaged in extensive outreach activities to apprise regulatory agencies and stakeholders of the project's scope, components, benefits, potential impacts, and development schedule.

More specifically, there has been an iterative consultation process regarding project design and issues that have arisen as the project has progressed. This iterative consultation process was designed to inform and engage stakeholders and interested parties so that comments and input could be incorporated into the project description. This process began in March 2004 and is ongoing.

Donlin Gold's outreach and consultation activities are bolstered by a strong local-hire commitment, which has brought individuals from around the region to work on the exploration phase of the proposed project. These locally hired members of the exploration team gain not only hands-on experience and training, but also serve as sources of information about the project, allowing village residents to get first-hand accounts—from people they know—of Donlin Gold's operations, plans, and environmental controls.

The following tables (Tables 6.0-1 through 6.0-4) summarize a small selection of the meetings, presentations, employment recruiting, and informational sessions that have occurred since 2004. In addition to these meetings, Donlin Gold has hosted numerous tours of the Donlin Gold exploration project and operating mines similar in scope for local stakeholders, state and federal agencies, and lawmakers.

Table 6.0-1 Native and Tribal Organization Meetings

Date	Organization	Topic
Jan 2004	Calista Corporation, The Kuskokwim Corporation, Crooked Creek, ADOT	Incorporate community and regional input into a recommendation on project access from proposed Donlin Gold port
April 2004	The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC)	Presentation at the TKC annual meeting
May 2004	Calista Corporation	Stakeholder meeting
May 2004	Crooked Creek Traditional Council	Stakeholder meeting
May 2004	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Stakeholder meeting
June 2004	Calista Corporation	Stakeholder meeting
June 2004	Crooked Creek Traditional Council	Stakeholder meeting
June 2004	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Stakeholder meeting
Aug 2004	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Stakeholder meeting
June 2005	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Meeting with the Kuskokwim Corporation board in Sleetmute
Aug 2005	Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)	Presentation at AVCP special convention
Dec 2005	Calista Corporation	Presentation on proposed Donlin Gold project
Jan 2006	Kuskokwim Native Association	Presentation on proposed Donlin Gold project
Feb 2006	Chuathbaluk Tribal Council	Presentation of proposed Donlin Gold project at council meeting
March 2006	Association of Village Council Presidents	Presentation to update AVCP on activities
July 2006	Georgetown Tribal Council	Presentation of proposed Donlin Gold project at council meeting

Date	Organization	Topic
Sep 2006	Association of Village Council Presidents	Host AVCP tour of the Donlin Gold exploration project
Feb 2007	Calista Corporation	Technical review of proposed Donlin Gold project
Jan 2007	The Kuskokwim Corporation	Project update presentation to TKC board
Feb 2007	Kuskokwim Native Association	Presentation at Kuskokwim Native Association Elders and Youth Conference in Kalskag
July 2007	Napaimute Traditional Council	Presentation of proposed Donlin Gold project at council meeting
Aug 2007	Georgetown Tribal Council	Presentation of proposed Donlin Gold project at council meeting
March 2010	Annual YK Delta Job Fair 2010	Donlin had a table and made a presentation during a panel discussion
2010	Crooked Creek Traditional Council, Orutsararmuit Native Council	Stakeholder meeting
2010	Calista, TKC, AVCP, NCAI, Kuskokwim River Watershed Council meeting,	Stakeholder meeting
Feb 2011	Oscarville Traditional Council, Oscarville Native Corporation	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Native Village of Napaskiak, Napaskiak Incorporated	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Organized Village of Kwethluk, Kwethluk Incorporated	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Akiak IRA, Kokarmuit Corporation	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Kuskokwim Native Association	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Chuathbaluk Traditional Council	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Bethel Native Corporation	Project update presentation
Feb 2011	Village of Atmautluak, Atmautluak Limited	Project update presentation
March 2011	Village of Chefornak	Project update presentation
March 2011	Native Village of Eek	Project update presentation
March 2011	Native Village of Tuntutuliak	Project update presentation
April 2011	Village of Kalskag	Project update presentation
April 2011	Village of Lower Kalskag	Project update presentation
April 2011	Village of Sleetmute	Project update presentation
April 2011	Crooked Creek Traditional Council	Project update presentation
April 2011	Native Village of Nunapitchuk, Nunapitchuk Limited	Project update presentation
August 2011	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Executive Board	Project site tour
Feb 2012	Lower Kalskag Tribal Meeting	Presented updated project description

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Feb 2012	Akiachak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
Feb 2012	Kalskag (both), Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
Feb 2012	Atmauthluak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
Feb 2012	Crooked Creek, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
Feb 2012	Stony River, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Alakanuk, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Toksook Bay, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Tununak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Nightmute, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Newtok, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Mekoryuk, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Kongiganak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Platinum, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
March 2012	Calista Corporation	Donlin Gold/Calista Annual Technical Committee Meeting – Update of the proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2012	Napaskiak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
April 2012	Quinhagak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
April 2012	Tuluksak, Calista Shareholder Relations	Presented updated project description

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	Committee Community Meeting	
April 2012	Eek, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
April 2012	Kasigluk, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
May 2012	Aniak, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
May 2012	Sleetmute, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
May 2012	Chuathbaluk, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
june 2012	Russian Mission	Donlin Gold representative attended the Iqurmiut Tribal Gathering
July 2012	Chuathbaluk Tribal Meeting	Donlin Gold representative attended the Chuathbaluk Tribal meeting
July 2012	CIRI	Provided copy of Donlin Gold Project, Natural Gas Pipeline Plan of Development Draft
Sep 2012	Regional ANSEP	Hosted regional students at Donlin Gold camp for youth mining camp
Oct 2012	AVCP Regional Conference	Presented updated project update to the Association of Village Council Presidents
Oct 2012	First Alaskan's Youth and Elders Convention	Face to face communication with participants
Oct 2012	Alaska Federation of Natives Convention	Face to face communication with participants
Nov 2012	American Indian Science and Engineering Society	Face to face communication with participants
March 2013	Akiachak, Limited	Presented updated project description

Table 6.0-2a Community Meetings

Date	Community	Topic
Jan 2004	Crooked Creek	Community meeting to discuss road routing for the proposed Kuskokwim River to Donlin-Jungjuk Road
May 2004	Grayling, Holy Cross	Meeting with Yukon River villages regarding proposed Donlin Gold project
Aug 2004	Crooked Creek	Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) visit to village
Aug 2004	Holy Cross	ADOT visit to village
April 2006	Aniak	Project update and water quality monitoring program Kuskokwim watershed meeting
May 2006	Cenaliulriit Subsistence and Environmental Summit, Bethel	Project update and environmental baseline program
Aug 2006	Sleetmute	Mining education meeting
Oct 2006	Bethel	Update on environmental baseline program
May 2007	Sleetmute	Update community residents on progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
June 2007	Bethel City Council	Project cyanide management
July 2007	Napaimute	Project update
July 2007	Bethel	Presentation at Bethel community meeting
July 2007	Crooked Creek	Meeting to update community residents on progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
July 2007	Crooked Creek	Presentation at Crooked Creek Annual Tribal Gathering
March 2008	Emmonak, Kotlik, Marshall Village, Napakiak, Atmauthluak	Present project information and employment recruiting
April 2008	Alakanuk, Nutoc, Tuntutuliak, Kipnuk	Present project information and employment recruiting
May 2008	Lower Kalskag	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project and conduct employment recruiting
Oct 2008	Goodnews Bay	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project and conduct employment recruiting
Oct 2008	Crooked Creek	Crooked Creek Meeting
Dec 2008	Crooked Creek	Pre-NEPA Scoping Stakeholder Meeting
Dec 2008	Kwethluk (Akiak, Akiakchak, and Tuluksak also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project and conduct employment recruiting
Jan 2009	Quinhagak (Goodnews Bay, Eek, and Tuntutuliak also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
Jan 2009	Saint Mary's (Mountain Village, Pitka's Point, Pilot Station, Marshall, and Russian Mission also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
Feb 2009	Kipnuk (Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, and Chefornak)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project

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	also attended)	
Feb 2009	Napakiak (Oscarville, Napaskiak, Atmaultluak, Kasigluk, and Nunapitchuk also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
March 2009	Aniak	Open house – project update
March 2009	Toksook Bay (Tununak, Newtok, Nightmute, and Mekoryuk also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
March 2009	Emmonak (Alakanuk and Nunam Iqua also attended)	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2009	Bethel	Open house – project update
April 2009	McGrath	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2010	Nikolai	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2010	Skwentna	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
2010	Lower Kalskag, Crooked Creek, Bethel, Upper Kalskag, Tuluksak, Stony River, Sleetmute, Chuathbaluk	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
Feb 2011	Oscarville, Napaskiak, Napakiak, Kwethluk, Akiak, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Bethel,	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
March 2011	Chefornak, Eek, Tuntutuliak, Quinhagak, Saint Mary's, Mountain Village	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2011	Skwenta, Nunapitchuk, Crooked Creek, Upper Kalskag, , Sleetmute, Russian Mission	Update community of progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
May 2011	McGrath, Nikolai, Grayling, Willow, Tuluksak, Akiachak, Goodnews Bay, Napaimute (in Bethel)	Update on progress of proposed Donlin Gold project
April 2012	Skwentna Open House Meeting	Update of the Donlin Gold natural gas pipeline study
April 2012	Crooked Creek	Workforce Development presentation at the Crooked Creek School
April 2012	Sleetmute	Workforce Development presentation at the Sleetmute School
April 2012	Kasigluk, Calista Shareholder Relations Committee Community Meeting	Presented updated project description
May 2012	Aniak	Workforce Development presentation at the Aniak School
May 2012	Kalskag	Workforce Development presentation at the Kalskag High School

Date	Community	Topic
May 2012	Regional Youth	Donlin Youth Mining Camp at Donlin for regional high school students
July 2012	McGrath	Attended McGrath Festival and presented information about the Donlin Gold project
Oct 2012	Holy Cross	Attended GASH village gathering and presented information about Donlin Gold project
Nov 2012	Regional	Donlin Gold project description for statewide high school students

Table 6.0-2b Project Site Tours and Mine Tours

Date	Community	Topic
Oct 2008	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
Oct 2009	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
Summer 2010	Tuluksak, Stony River, Upper and Lower Kalskag, Sleetmute, Chuathbaluk, Bethel Alaska State Chamber of Commerce statewide stakeholders	Donlin project site tour
Oct 2010	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
April 2011	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
June 2011	Chuathbaluk HS	Donlin project site tour
July 2011	DOL, Napaskiak, Nikolai, Napakiak, Kongiganak, Tuntutuliak, Aniak,	Donlin project site tour
Aug 2011	Marshall, Kwethluk, Lime Village, Eek, Kipnuk, Akiak, Goodnews Bay, Mekoryuk, LKSD Teachers, Bethel, ANSEP Students, AVCP RHA, BRHS Students, Pilot Station, Akiachak, AVCP E Board, Quinhagak, Nightmute, Bethel, Platinum	Donlin project site tour
Sep 2011	Bethel HS, Aniak HS, Bethel, McGrath	Donlin project site tour
Sep 2011	Regional Stakeholders	Mine tour in Elko, Nevada
Oct 2011	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana

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Oct 2011	Chefornak	Donlin project site tour
Nov 2011	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
May 2012	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
July 2012	Napakiak, Newtok, Kwethluk, Toksook Bay, Kongiganak, Kasigluk, Bethel, Lower Kalskag, Tuntutuliak, Quinhagak,	Donlin Gold project site tour for community representatives
Aug 2012	Atmauthluak, Upper Kalskag, St. Mary's, Chuathbaluk, Aniak, Russian Mission, Tuluksak	Donlin Gold project site tour for community representatives
Oct 2012	Regional Stakeholders	Golden Sunlight mine tour in Montana
Oct 2012	Holy Cross	Donlin Gold project site tour for community representatives
Oct 2012	Regional Stakeholders	Gold Strike mine tour in Nevada

Table 6.0-3 Federal and State Agency Consultation

Date	Agency/Organization	Topic
Aug 2003	ADNR-LMPT	Baseline studies planning discussions
Feb 2004	USFWS	Baseline studies planning discussions: wildlife
March 2004	ADNR	Project description discussions: power sources
March 2004	BLM, DOI	Project description discussions: project access
April 2004	ADNR-LMPT, USFWS, DOT, USEPA, USACE, ADEC	Project update
April 2004	ADF&G	Project update
April 2004	ADEC-AQ, ADNR-LMPT	Baseline studies discussions and updates: air quality
April 2004	ADNR-LMPT	Preliminary regulatory discussions
May 2004	BLM	Preliminary regulatory discussions
May 2004	USACE	Project update
June 2004	ADNR-OHMP	Project update and preliminary regulatory discussions
June 2004	USFWS	Project update and preliminary regulatory discussions
June 2004	ADNR	Project update and preliminary regulatory discussions
June 2004	USEPA Region 10	Preliminary regulatory discussions
July 2004	USFWS	Baseline studies discussions and updates: aquatic biomonitoring
July 2004	DOI	Project description discussions: project access
July 2004	ADEC-WQ, ADNR, ADNR-OHMP,	Baseline studies discussions and updates: water

Date	Agency/Organization	Topic
	USEPA	quality/waste characterization
July 2004	ADOT	Project description discussions: project access
Aug 2004	ADOT	Project site tour
Aug 2004	ADOT, Federal Highway Administration	Project description discussions: project access
Aug 2004	ADOT	Project description discussions: project access
Aug 2004	ADNR-OHMP	Preliminary regulatory discussions
Aug 2004	ADEC, ADNR, ADNR-LMPT, ADNR-MLW, ADNR-OHMP, AGO, USEPA, USFWS	Project site tour and project update
Aug 2004	USACE	Preliminary wetlands mitigation discussions
Sep 2004	Senator Stevens	Impact of upcoming legislature
May 2005	BLM	Project update
June 2005	USEPA	Project update
July 2005	BLM	Project site tour and project update
July 2005	ADEC	Project update
Sep 2005	USFWS	Project update
Sep 2005	USEPA	Project site tour and project update
Oct 2005	USFWS - Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	Project update
Dec 2005	ADEC-AQ	Baseline studies discussions and updates: air quality
Dec 2005	USEPA Region 10	Project update
March 2006	USCG	Project overview
April 2006	ADF&G	Project update
Feb 2007	USEPA	Project update
May 2007	ADNR-LMPT	Project update
Feb 2009	ADNR-LMPT	Project update
Feb 2009	ADNR	Preliminary regulatory discussions
Feb 2009	ADEC, ADNR, ADF&G, LAW	Project description discussions: Timeline
March 2009	ADNR-LMPT	Preliminary regulatory discussions
April 2009	ADNR, USEPA, USFWS, SOA LAW, ADEC, USACE, NOAA/NMFS, ADHSS, ADF&G, ADNR -OPHP, BLM, NOAA-HCD	Project update
May 2009	NOAA-Fisheries	Baseline studies discussions and updates: aquatic biomonitoring
May 2009	USACE	Preliminary regulatory discussions
June 2009	USEPA, USACE, ADNR-LMPT	Project site tour
June 2009	ADEC-AQ	Baseline studies discussions and updates: air quality
Nov 2009	USACE, ADNR-LMPT, ADNR, ADHSS	Baseline studies discussions and updates: HIA
Dec 2009	BLM	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline

Date	Agency/Organization	Topic
Dec 2009	ADNR-SPCO	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Jan 2010	BLM	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Feb 2010	ADNR-SPCO, ADF&G	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Feb 2010	ADNR-SPCO, SHPO	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Feb 2010	BLM	Baseline studies discussions and updates: wildlife
March 2010	Kuskokwim Working Group	Baseline studies discussions and updates: aquatic biomonitoring
March 2010	BLM	Baseline studies discussions and updates: wildlife/vegetation
April 2010	ADF&G (State's Large Mine Team)	Teleconference on Proposed natural gas pipeline
April 2010	ADNR-LMPT, ADF&G, Joint Pipeline Office	Project update
May 2010	ADNR-SHPO	Baseline studies discussions and updates: cultural resources
June 2010	ADEC-AQ	Baseline studies discussions and updates: air quality
June 2010	ADNR-SPCO	Project update
July 2010	ADEC-AQ	Baseline studies discussions and updates: air quality
Oct 2010	ADHSS, ADNR-LMPT	Baseline studies discussions and updates: HIA
Nov 2010	ADNR-LMPT, ADEC	Project description discussions: water management/dam safety
Nov 2010	BLM, ADNR-SPCO	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Jan 2011	USACE	Project update
Feb 2011	ADNR-SPCO	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
Feb 2011	ADEC-WQ	Baseline studies discussions and updates: water quality
March 2011	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Potential Wetland Mitigation
March 2011	ADNR-SHPO, BLM	Baseline studies discussions and updates: cultural resources
March 2011	ADF&G	Baseline studies discussions and updates: aquatic biomonitoring
May 2011	BLM, ADNR-SPCO	Project description discussions: natural gas pipeline
July 2011	USACE	Project update
July 2011	ADEC-WQ	Project description discussions: water management
July 2011	ADEC, ADNR, EPA	Donlin operational water management review and APDES pre-application planning
July 2011	ADEC-AQ/ADNR-LMPT	Project description discussions: air modeling
Aug 2011	ADNR-Dam Safety	Baseline studies discussions and updates: hydrology/dam safety
Aug 2011	ADEC	Project update
Aug 2011	USACE	Preliminary wetlands mitigation discussions

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Aug 2011	ADNR	Project update
Sep 2011	ADNR-LMPT, ADHSS	Baseline studies discussions and updates: HIA
Sep 2011	ADHSS, ADNR, YKHC, Newfields,	HIA update meeting
Sep 2011	USFWS	Project update
Nov 2011	ADHSS, ADNR, YKHC, Newfields	HIA update meeting
March 2012	ADHSS, ADNR, Newfields	HIA update meeting
March 2012	Juneau	Briefed rural legislators on workforce development issues
March 2012	BLM	Plan of Development Discussion

Notes:

ADEC = Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
ADF&G = Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADHSS = Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
ADNR = Alaska Department of Natural Resources
ADOT = Alaska Department of Transportation
AQ = Division of Air Quality
BLM = Bureau of Land Management
DOI = U.S. Department of the Interior
HCD = Habitat Conservation Division
HIA = Health Impact Assessment
LMPT = Large Mine Permitting Team
MLW = Division of Mining, Land and Water
NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OHMP = Office of Habitat Management and Planning
SHPO = State Historical Preservation Office
SOA LAW =
SPCO = State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USCG = U.S. Coast Guard
USEPA = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS = U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
WQ = Division of Water Quality

Table 6.0-4 Non-governmental Organizations

Date	Agency/Organization	Topic
Oct 2003	Resource Development Council	Presentation
March 2004	Bethel Regional Economic Summit	
June 2005	Anchorage Downtown Rotary	Donlin Creek and Modern Mining Industry in Alaska Presentation
May 2010	Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance	Project update
June 2010	Iditarod Race Committee – Board of Directors Meeting	Presentation
March 2011	Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals - Anchorage	Project Environmental Baseline Studies Program
August 2011	Alaska Resource Education	Project Site Tour for Teachers
Summer 2011	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	Project update

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