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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Alaska District
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Re: Donlin Gold Project

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Cruz Companies is writing this letter in support of the Donlin Gold Project. For the past 30 years, Cruz has been involved in resource development and has provided jobs to 500 working Alaskans from all regions of the state. In a time where oil prices are drastically declining it is vital for Alaska to diversify its economic opportunities. Cruz believes the Donlin Gold Project will help sustain Alaska's future economic growth and development. For instance, the Red Dog Mine has created a stable environment for the North West Arctic region of Alaska for the past 25 years. Below are a few reasons why Cruz is in support of the Donlin Gold Project.

- The Project is committed to environmentally responsible development and was designed to reduce the overall footprint of the mine over its life span and post closure.
- The Donlin Gold Project will provide 3,000 new constructions jobs for four years to working Alaskans. As well as 600 to 1,200 jobs for the 27.5 estimated life of the mine.
- Since Calista has the mineral rights and The Kuskokwim Corporation has the surface rights of the mine, their shareholders will ultimately benefit from its development and production. In addition to the skills and training that will be acquired from the thousands of new jobs created.

Given the reasons above and Alaska's need to diversity its revenue streams, Cruz Companies is in support of the Donlin Gold Project.

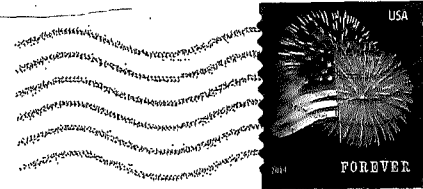
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Cruz", written over a horizontal line.

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