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I am in full support of developing the Donlin Gold Project. It has been in the making for many years, with millions of dollars in environmental studies showing that it can be developed responsibly. That is great news for the people of the region. I was Project Engineer for Green Construction with the contract at Red Dog Mine to finish the last couple miles of road, build the 3 dams, prepare foundations for the mill and the sleeping quarters, and perform some pre-mine development of the deposit. It was and continues to be one of the most rewarding projects for me, as it not only provided hundreds of jobs during construction in the late eighties when employment opportunities were scarce, but it continues to employ a remarkable number of people from that region and others in the State, and will for years to come. When we were training the locals during construction, we had no idea that the mine would be such a success this long.

I wish for the same results of the Donlin Gold Project and the region's people. We are headed to tougher times in the State and this is a real bright spot. Of course, the mine will benefit the entire state. There will be equipment and supplies purchased, training required, continual environmental studies, and other contracting opportunities. Employees and vendors will be spending money in other parts of the state as they travel, vacation, etc.

This project will certainly be a tremendous boost for the state and I fully support it.

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