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From: Alex Leavens [<mailto:aleavens@stgincorporated.com>]
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in support of the Donlin Gold Mine project. Employment in this region of Alaska can be hard to come by making this mine a wealth of opportunities to allow local folks to continue their way of life within the Region and keep them from having to relocate to more populated areas seeking employment. This project can expect to provide nearly 3000 jobs in construction and other areas for the first 4 years and continue with a solid workforce of nearly 1000 full time jobs for the lifespan of the mine. The economic boost to the state will be felt on many levels and unmatched in the Region. Not only will jobs be directly created by the mine itself, but the need for more power, transportation, and communications infrastructure will create numerous additional opportunities for both local residents and other businesses that call Alaska home.

With a background in both construction and rural utilities I have first-hand witnessed the need for these types of responsible in Region opportunities. I have spent well over 27 years working alongside the people that call this area of the state home. There are daily struggles that we rarely experience in more populated areas and a project like this could bring advancements in not only a highly trained local workforce, but to all facets of local living to include healthcare, education, and safety. I cannot strongly emphasize enough the need for this type of development in rural Alaska.

Donlin Gold has completed extensive studies and worked tirelessly to create methods of operation that make it both environmentally sound, but also a solid socially responsible member of the community. I have had the pleasure to witness first hand on my visit to the mine the steps taken to insure that each and every action is made with forethought and precision. Ideas such as the use of natural gas instead of diesel, constructing an active water treatment plant for discharge water, and the design of an earthquake proof Engineered tailings dam all show Donlin Gold's commitment to the health and safety of not only the people of the Region, but their environment as well.

Please consider these items and how this project will improve the level of being for each person living in

the Region and beyond as this projects moves toward reality. The State of Alaska's future rides on this type of responsible resource development bringing improvements on multiple levels to local communities allowing continued success for their way of life. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Alex Leavens

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