



DONLIN GOLD

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DONLIN GOLD JOINS THE BOARD OF YUUT

Donlin Gold is pleased to announce they were recently welcomed to the Yuut Elitnaurviat Learning Center Board of Directors, joining 10 other partnering organizations.

The center is the first state-of-the-art-vocational campus for people of the YK region, offering:

Adult Basic Education

Construction Trades

Driver Education

Health Care

Public Safety

Donlin Gold will work with the Board of Directors to oversee training and academic opportunities.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: SPCO ROW LEASE

Donlin Gold is proposing to construct a buried natural gas pipeline to transport natural gas from the Cook Inlet region to the project site, located 10 miles north of the Village of Crooked Creek. The 14-inch diameter, steel, natural gas pipeline would be approximately 315 miles in length and be considered an open access pipeline.

Donlin Gold believes the natural gas pipeline to be the best solution for mitigating potential effects to the environment. The pipeline would transport natural gas to Donlin Gold, thereby reducing the amount of diesel required, and reducing potential barge traffic on the Kuskokwim River.

Donlin Gold studied various pipeline route alternatives and conducted many studies that could be used to better understand existing environmental and social conditions. Information from these studies are then applied to minimize potential effects to the environment. For example, the Jones Realignment is now proposed to minimize overlap with the Iditarod National Historic Trail and avoid the sensitive and steep terrain of the Dalzell Gorge near Rainy Pass. The Jones Realignment reduces overlap of the Iditarod trail by about 40 percent and eliminates the potential geotechnical



Iditarod Trail Committee and Iditarod mushers visiting the Donlin Gold project site to learn about the proposed Donlin Gold mine and the 315 mile pipeline to provide natural gas from Cook Inlet to the mine site.

challenges associated with the original Dalzell Gorge route.

After years of environmental studies and community engagement, Donlin Gold reached another milestone in the natural gas pipeline permitting process in April, with the submission of an application for a pipeline Right-of-Way Lease. The Alaska State Pipeline Coordinators Office (SPCO) is currently holding public hearings, and encourages all stakeholders and descendants who have comments or concerns to submit them by January 28, 2015. For more information, and to comment, please visit: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pco/donlin.html>

Donlin Gold is committed to keeping residents of the Yukon Kuskokwim region, as well as other stakeholders, informed and updated on the status and progress of the Donlin Gold project.

Face to Face *with Stan Foo*

Public input is a very important part of our planning process, and we would like to hear from you.

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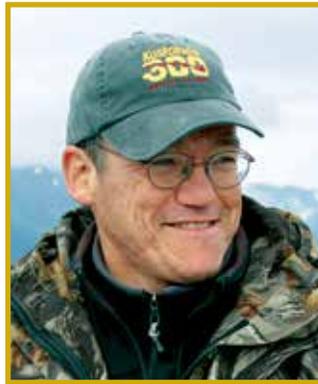
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This year continued to keep us busy on many fronts. One prominent event of 2014 was the signing of a historic surface use agreement with The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC). We are glad this agreement will be mutually beneficial and we look forward to the opportunities it provides to work closely with TKC, and the federal, state and local entities to move the project forward. We will also be working closely with TKC and Calista to promote workforce development. Identifying how we can help communities become "work-ready" remains a top priority for us.

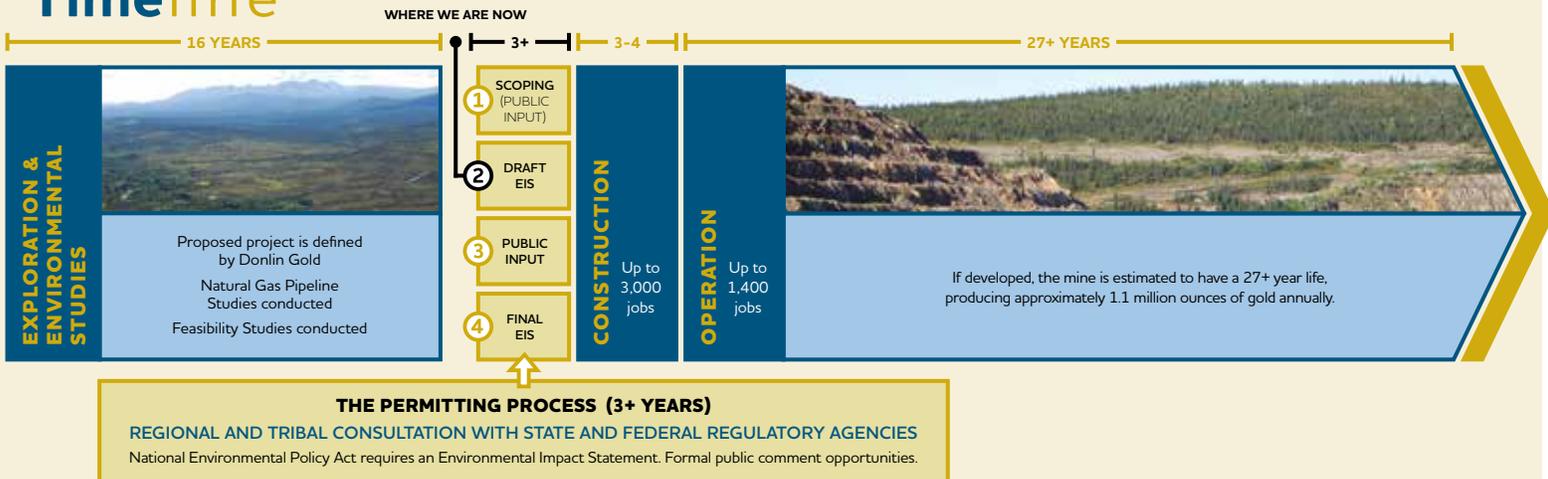
Throughout 2014, we continued to promote education and workforce development by supporting events such as the Academic and Trades Decathlon in Aniak, with several Donlin Gold staff taking part to demonstrate basic welding techniques, emergency medical care and heavy equipment operation. Donlin Gold remains a major supporter of several scholarships and programs, including the Calista Education & Culture Scholarship, Kuskokwim Education Foundation Scholarship, Kuskokwim Native Association Fisheries Internship Program and the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.

Over 25 community meetings were held throughout the YK region in 2014 to update residents on the proposed Donlin Gold project and answer questions in person. Our community relations team also participated in the annual spring Clean Up Green Up event, where a record of 52 villages participated this year. With respect to safety, "Everyone going home safe and healthy every day" is a motto we live by at Donlin Gold, and we've continued to raise safety awareness as well as participate in events teaching safety and survival skills. Once again, as in years past, our team distributed life jackets and bags of safety related items throughout the region.

Donlin Gold's environmental and permitting team worked hard this year and continued collecting environmental data at the proposed mine site and along the Kuskokwim River. With the permitting process for the Donlin Gold mine still underway, many of the

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Timeline



2014: A YEAR OF PROGRESS

In 2014 Donlin Gold saw another year of progress with great strides toward public engagement efforts and continued progress with the US Army Corps of Engineers and cooperating agencies as they prepare the proposed project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Some of Donlin Gold's notable achievements and involvement that took place in 2014 include:

- Informational meetings throughout the YK region and the state
- Submission of a pipeline Right-of-Way lease application to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Updating a long-term surface agreement with The Kuskokwim Corporation
- Ongoing environmental baseline studies
- Assisting in funding educational opportunities for youth in the YK region, such as Kuskokwim Native Association (KNA) College Fisheries Internship Program, as well as scholarships through Calista Education & Culture and Kuskokwim Educational Foundation
- Participating in the Dictionary Project, aiming to provide every third grader in the U.S. with a dictionary in order to strengthen writing and reading capabilities
- Accepting a seat on the Yuut Elitnaurviat Learning Center Board of Directors
- Taking part in the Camp Fire Alaska Rural Program in order to promote healthy and safe lifestyles
- Participating in a 40-hour emergency trauma technician center training session
- Participating in a week-long training camp for 29 Lower Kuskokwim School District's Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) ready students

Donlin Gold enjoyed taking part in local events and sponsorships as well as making headway in the gold mine project during 2014. Donlin Gold looks forward to another safe and successful year in 2015 as we continue to focus on advancing the project through the permitting process and meeting with schools, villages and individuals to provide project updates and discuss potential jobs and training requirements.



Photo Captions: A) Aniak High School group participating in the Wilderness Safety Challenge sponsored by Donlin Gold and conducted by North America Outdoor Institute B) Kotlik youth, Jeremiah Tonuchuk, wins bike donated by Donlin Gold at Clean Up Green Up event. C) The message from the Donlin Gold Camp staff is safety first.





YEAR IN REVIEW: BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Donlin Gold is committed to being a good neighbor and a good corporate citizen, assisting in cultural preservation, education, environmental stewardship and community wellness. In 2014, Donlin Gold took part in and contributed to a variety of programs, services and events in the YK region, including:

- Donating Yup'ik dictionaries to all schools in the YK region
- Sponsoring a Wilderness Survival Challenge Course for high school students in Aniak and Bethel
- Teaming up with Excel Alaska for the Academic and Trades Decathlon with participation from schools all over the YK region
- Supporting search and rescue programs and efforts throughout the YK region
- Teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to sponsor an IditaRider
- Organizing the 8th Annual Donlin Gold Clothing Extravaganza
- Supporting the Ayaprun dancers in Ayaprun Elitnaurvik immersion charter school
- Attending and supporting numerous local fairs
- Supporting Clean-Up Green-Up events

Neighborly acts such as these exemplify Donlin Gold's commitment toward enriching the lives of residents in the YK region.



Photo Captions: **A)** Pete Kaiser with Iditarider, Connor enjoying some pizza before the race. (From left to right: Connor's brother, the Iditarider Connor, Pete Kaiser and Connor's sister) **B)** (From Left to Right) Stan Foo, Dave Deisley, Melanie Hennessey, Sue Gamache, Evelyn and Dennis Thomas and Greg Lang, visiting Crooked Creek to take a look at some of the current community projects. **C)** Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Principal, Mike Smith, accepts a donation from Donlin Gold for the Ayaprun Elitnaurvik dancers program. The donation was presented by Mary Sattler. **D)** Senator Lyman Hoffman and local elder Ella Kinegak cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the new swimming pool center. Donlin Gold was an early supporter of the new center. **E)** Mary Sattler distributing bags of safety items along the Kuskokwim River. **F)** Monica James, Calista's Chief Operating Officer, and Rea Bavilla, Calista's Heritage Foundation President, accepting a \$75,000 donation for the Calista Heritage Foundation Scholarship from Stan Foo, Donlin Gold's General Manager.





YEAR IN REVIEW: COMMUNICATING WITH THE YK REGION

Donlin Gold values the importance of a well-informed community, which is why every year we make efforts to keep residents of the YK region informed on the status of the proposed mining project, through different opportunities.

During the summer of 2014, Donlin Gold offered tours of the camp, where stakeholders were able to see the project site firsthand and ask employees questions about their work experience. Additionally, Donlin Gold conducted community visits where project updates were provided. When requested, community relations staff member Vernon Chimegalrea conducted meetings in Yup'ik so residents could have a better understanding of the project and the permitting processes involved. Schools were visited to discuss the importance of finishing high school and setting goals for the future.

To further communicate details of the proposed project to residents of the YK region, Donlin Gold prepared a project description booklet and a video summarizing the project in both English and Yup'ik. The project description booklets are available at local meetings or residents can request a copy through our website at www.DonlinGold.com. The project description videos can also be viewed on our website. ■



Photo Captions: **G**) Community Relations team members Vernon Chimegalrea and Sue Gamache attending First Alaskans Institute Youth and Elders conference. **H**) Kurt Parkan, Donlin Gold's Manager of External Affairs, at Strong River village presentation, discussing permitting process. **I**) Donlin Gold employee, Boise Alexie, with University of Alaska Fairbanks mining engineering students. **J**) Boise Alexie talks to STEM Ready students about safety in handling heavy equipment. **K**) Vernon Chimegalrea and Minnie Ivon at AFN conference. **L**) Robert Vanderpool of Vanderpool Flying Services and Wayne Morgan of the Donlin Gold Aniak office unloading supplies for community meetings.





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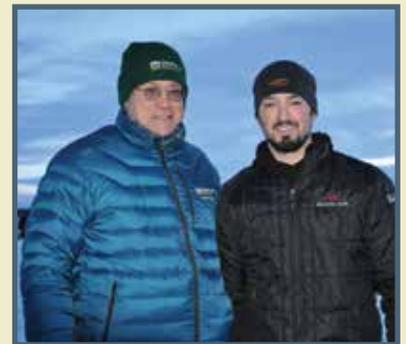
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permitting agencies have been considering your comments provided during the public scoping process and continue reviewing permit applications to make their decisions. During their review of our applications, Donlin Gold has responded to additional requests for information, providing clarification to the agencies.

As 2015 ushers in, look for us volunteering at the Bethel Clothes Extravaganza, the Kuskokwim 300, Iron Dog, on the Iditarod trail and many other events as we have in past years. These are Alaska cultural traditions we are honored to be a part of and support, and we look forward to seeing you out on the trails and in the communities.

From all of us at Donlin Gold, we wish you a safe and healthy New Year.

Stan Foo
General Manager
Donlin Gold



Donlin Gold General Manager Stan Foo and local musher Pete Kaiser at the Kuskokwim 300.

DONLIN GOLD IS COMMITTED TO CREATING A SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MINING PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES IN THE YUKON KUSKOKWIM REGION TO LIVE IN HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES