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#### Donlin Gold LLC



- Donlin Gold LLC is 50/50 partnership
  - Barrick Gold US
  - NOVAGOLD
- Operates under land agreements w/ ANCSA landowners
  - Calista Corporation (Mining Lease)
  - The Kuskokwim Corporation (Surface Use)
- Project office located in Anchorage
  - Bethel and Aniak regional offices
- Project studies ongoing since 1995



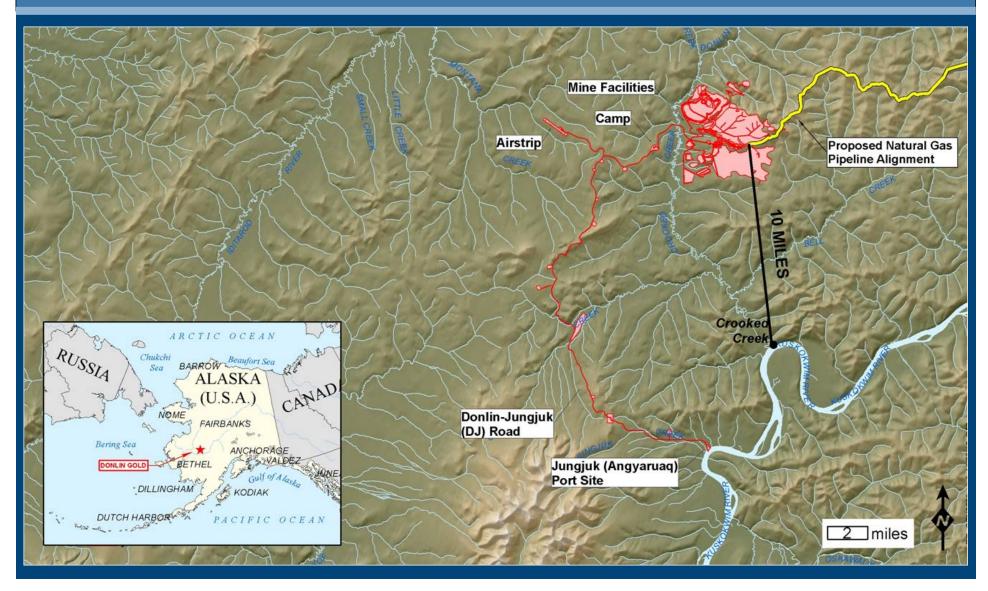
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#### **Project Overview**



- 33+ million ounces of gold
- Open-pit
- Strip ratio 5.5:1
- 59,000 tons per day of rock processed in the mill
- Conventional ore crushing and milling followed by flotation, pressure oxidation, and carbon-in leach circuits
- Gold grade 2.09 grams/ metric tonne
- (.061 oz/short ton)
- Mill recovery range 87.4- 94.17%



#### **Project Overview**



- Two river ports (Bethel and Crooked Creek area) with 30 mile access road to site
- 314 mile buried natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet
- 150 MW average power demand
- 5,000 ft runway
- Camp for 600 employees
- 69 haul trucks (400 ton)
- Mine life: 27+ years



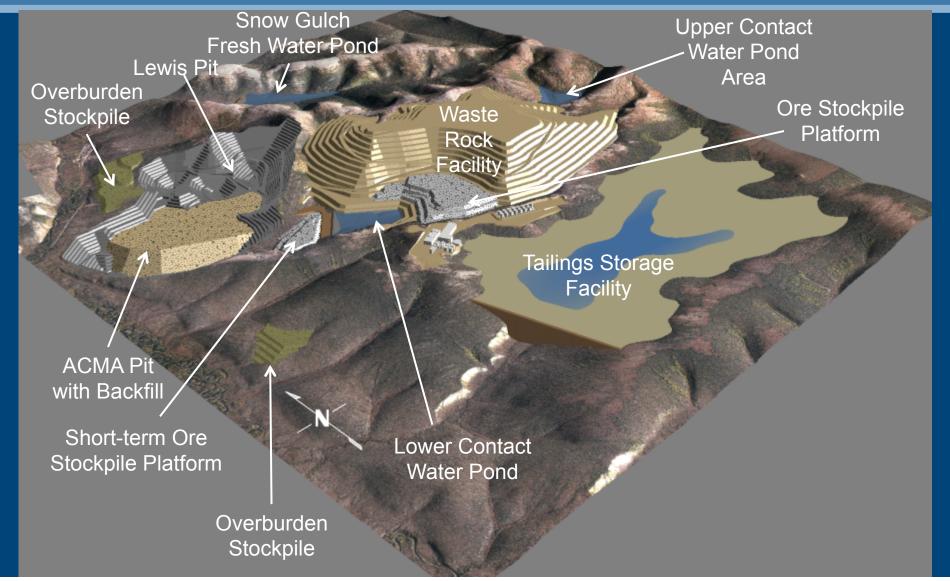
### Natural Gas Pipeline



- A 14 inch steel pipeline
  - 30-35 mcf/day (approx. 50% of pipeline capacity)
- Buried along entire alignment
  - Above ground for short distances at two fault crossings
  - HDD at select water crossings and geotechnically challenging areas
  - Single compressor station
- Construction would be completed using temporary roads and crossings
  - Reclaim all construction infrastructure

## Site Layout





#### **Economic Benefits**



- \$296 million spent on exploration 2005-11
- \$375 million annual payroll during construction
- \$97 million annual payroll during operations
- Royalties to Calista Corporation distributed to other ANCSA Corps. under 7(i) and 7(j) provision
- State mining license and corporate income taxes

#### Reputation for Local Hire



- Local hire is very important to Donlin Gold and will continue throughout the mine life.
- Historically, over 90% of on-site workforce have been Calista shareholders or descendants, including 9 of 10 supervisors.



• Shift schedule allows both good jobs and opportunity for maintaining subsistence way of life.

#### Workforce Development



- Message to students in region: Finish school!
- College or vocational training schools
- Training in region and state
- Scholarship support
  - Calista Heritage Foundation
  - TKC Scholarship
- Internship opportunities



### **Project Schedule**



- Permitting began July 2012
  - 3-4 year timeline
  - Approximately 100 permits
  - US Army Corps of Engineers lead NEPA agency
  - EPA and other federal agencies are cooperating agencies
  - State permitting effort coordinated by Alaska Large Mine Permitting Team and State Pipeline Coordinators Office
  - Good coordination with permitting agencies
- Construction: 3-4 years
  - 3,000 construction jobs
- Operations: 27+ years
  - 600-1,400 jobs

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