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### **Donlin Gold Statement RE: Alaska Superior Court Decision Upholding Water Rights Permits**

The decision last month by the Alaska Superior Court reaffirms DNR's decision to issue the twelve permits and are confident that we will be successful with the Supreme Court of Alaska.

These 12 permits to appropriate water were issued in April 2021 by the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources after completing a thorough review that determined Donlin Gold's proposed use of water for future mine operations, water management, and protection of the environment was in the public's interest. The decision in early September handed down by Alaska Superior Court Judge was thoughtful and well done.

Donlin Gold has maintained a presence in the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) region for more than 25 years and continues to work collaboratively with Alaska Native Landowners Calista Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation, in addition to residents, businesses and other entities in the area. Through this partnership, Donlin Gold works to bring strong economic benefits to the Y-K region while maintaining its values of safety, community wellness, cultural preservation, education and good environmental stewardship.

"We have long supported a stringent regulatory process to ensure the project can and will be conducted in an environmentally responsible way," said Kristina Woolston, External Affairs Manager. "We are confident in the scientific data and studies done over multiple years, which have repeatedly shown that the State's DNR made the right decision."

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