

JOINT RESOLUTION
of
New Koliganek Village Council
Koliganek Natives Limited

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-1

**JOINT RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEBBLE
GOLD-COPPER-MOLYBDENUM PORPHYRY MINING DISTRICT**

Whereas, the New Koliganek Village Council and Koliganek Natives Limited executed the Memorandum of Understanding on April 4, 2003, in order to recognize areas of mutual concern and support, and to establish a framework for cooperative relations and promote private corporation to government-to-government communication for the benefit of the community of Koliganek, and

Whereas, the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding have fiduciary responsibilities to protect the land, environment, and traditional subsistence use areas within their respective Regional, Tribal, and Corporate Boundaries, and

Whereas, the shareholders, tribal members, and residents of the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding have long used, and will continue to use, the lands down stream from the Pebble Gold-Copper Mining District along the Mulchatna and Koktuli (Qurtuli) River corridors and other navigable and non-navigable rivers and creeks which flow to the Nushagak River and Nushagak Bay for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering, and

Whereas, the residents of Nondalton, Newhalen, Iliamna, and Lake Clark have long used the lands and will be used by future generations in and around the Pebble Gold-Copper Mining District to the north and east and south in which the navigable rivers and creeks flow to Lake Clark, Six Mile Lake and Iliamna Lake which flow to the Kvichak River and Kvichak Bay, and

Whereas, if the mining district is developed there is a strong likelihood (probability) that there will be detrimental impact on the environment, water and air quality, fish and wild life resources and spawning and calving grounds, and health of residents and subsistence hunters living or using the land adjacent to the tributaries in the mining district,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding strongly oppose the development of the mining district, and request the governor of the State of Alaska and its administration to halt all plans to develop the mining district area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding request that Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Congressman Don Young oppose the development of the mine, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding respectfully request the Lake and Peninsula Borough to reconsider and withdraw their support.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the New Koliganek Village Council and the Board of Directors of Koliganek Natives Limited during a joint meeting on 21st, day of January, 2005 in which a duly constituted quorum of New Koliganek Village Council and Koliganek Natives Limited were present.

New Koliganek Village Council

DATE:

Thomas F. Nelson Sr.
Its: President

ATTEST:

Robert A. Larson
Its: Secretary

Koliganek Natives Limited

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Thomas F. Nelson Sr.
Its: President

ATTEST:

Paul Thompson
Its: Secretary