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Enrique Fernandez, Permitting and Environmental Manager Donlin Gold LLC. 2525 C St., Suite 450 Anchorage, AK 99503

Subject: Preliminary Decision to Approve Air Quality Control Construction Permit AQ0934CPT02 for Donlin Gold LLC's Donlin Gold Project, File No. 2411.16.002

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has reviewed Donlin Gold LLC's application for a construction permit at the Donlin Gold Project and has prepared a preliminary construction permit and technical analysis report. The Department is now providing opportunity for public comment on the preliminary permit under 18 AAC 50.542(d). This decision is subject to public comment until 11:59 PM on January 11, 2023.

Be advised that comments requesting revisions to any of the standard permit conditions (SPCs I – XVII) under 18 AAC 50.346 incorporated as permit conditions into this preliminary permit will not be considered, as set forth in AS 46.14.010(e). Unless the comment addresses stationary source-specific concerns under 18 AAC 50.346(a) or are administrative in nature (such as typographical errors and incorrect cross-references), rewording of SPC language will not be considered. The SPCs are in regulation and the preliminary permit does not open the regulations to comment. The Department may consider generally applicable and beneficial non-stationary source-specific comments on SPCs during the periodic SPC rulemakings.

I have enclosed a copy of the public notice, preliminary construction permit, and preliminary technical analysis report (TAR) for your review and comment. Please contact Dave Jones at 907-465-5122, or dave.jones2@alaska.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Grace Germain, Supervisor Juneau Air Permits Section

Enclosures: Preliminary Construction Permit AQ0934CPT02 Preliminary TAR Public Notice

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