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Dear Mr. McCoy,

I recently received a “carbon copy” of a letter to you sent by several organizations in the Bristol Bay region, which I serve as a representative in the Alaska State Legislature. The June 5<sup>th</sup> letter from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, the United Tribes of Bristol Bay, the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Nunamta Aulukestai, and the Bristol Bay Native Association details several substantial concerns—some new, some earlier established—with the permitting process for the proposed Pebble Mine.

Following their careful evaluation of the Pebble Limited Partnership’s (PLP) permit applications and PLP’s recent substantial revisions to its project design, and subsequent to their attendance at public hearings as part of the scoping process, these organizations have identified grave shortcomings in the permitting process.

As these organizations speak on behalf of thousands of my Bristol Bay region constituents, and as I am in agreement with their conclusions, I feel it is my duty to contact you to endorse their concerns as well as their request that the Army Corps of Engineers

- require the PLP to submit a new, fully documented project description and a corresponding revised permit application;
- conduct a new determination of the revised application’s completeness;
- issue a new public notice of the revised permit application;
- and, only assuming the PLP has completed the legal requirements, begin the NEPA scoping process anew, with a new public notice period and series of public hearings.

The Bristol Bay organizations’ justification for these requests is persuasive. Recently, five months following submission of its original permit application, the PLP submitted major

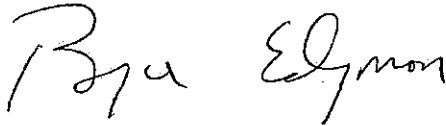
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revisions to its project design that substantially increase the scale of almost every component, from the volumes of mined material and tailings to the capacity of the powerplant and its LNG pipeline. Documentation offered by the PLP to specify these changes is woefully inadequate, but it seems obvious that the mine the PLP plans is not the one currently the subject of a scoping process.

My constituent organizations also point out that with the failure of the PLP to reach a financing agreement with First Quantum Minerals, it is doubtful that the company can muster the resources to pay for a lengthy and complex permitting process. The Army Corps should seriously consider if it is in anyone's best interest to move forward with a permitting process when such doubts exist as to whether the entity requesting it has the wherewithal to fund it.

Again, I strongly support the above requests made by these Bristol Bay organizations. They are fully warranted, and I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to grant them.

Sincerely,



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