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POA-2017-271

Re: Release of the Pebble Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Pebble Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) received a permit application (POA-2017-271) from Pebble Limited Partnership (the Applicant), on December 22, 2017, for the placement of fill in waters of the US and work in navigable waters of the US for developing the Pebble deposit, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant proposes to develop the Pebble copper-gold-molybdenum porphyry deposit (Pebble deposit) as a surface mine in Southwest Alaska near Iliamna Lake, approximately 200 miles southwest of Anchorage and 60 miles west of Cook Inlet. The closest communities are the villages of Iliamna, Newhalen, and Nondalton, each approximately 17 miles from the Pebble deposit. The project would include development of the open pit mine, with associated infrastructure to include a 270-megawatt power generating plant. A natural gas pipeline from the Kenai Peninsula across Cook Inlet to the mine site is proposed as the energy source for the mine. The transportation corridor includes mine and port access roads and a port facility on the western shore of Cook Inlet.

The FEIS describes the proposed Pebble Project, as detailed in the permit application and subsequent Applicant-provided information. It also describes the regulatory processes that guide the project review by USACE and cooperating agencies. The FEIS describes the project scoping process and the key issues that were raised by interested parties, as well as the project's purpose and need. A range of reasonable alternatives was developed based on the purpose and need and input from the scoping process; the alternatives development process is discussed in the FEIS. The document provides information on environmental resources in the EIS analysis area, and an evaluation of the potential environmental effects of all project alternatives. The FEIS also presents the Applicant's proposed mitigative measures, which have been incorporated into the project design.

On July 24, 2020 a Notice of Availability for the FEIS was published in the Federal Register. The FEIS provides agency decision makers with the scientific basis for their permitting decisions.

Where and How to Access the Document

You may access the document on the internet at:
<https://pebbleprojecteis.com>.

Requests for an electronic copy of the FEIS can be made to:

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An electronic version of the FEIS document may also be viewed at the following public libraries:

- Alaska Resources Library and Information Services, Anchorage
- Bristol Bay Borough Libraries (serving King Salmon, Naknek, and South Naknek)
- Dillingham Public Library, Dillingham
- Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- Homer Public Library, Homer
- Kenai Community Library, Kenai
- Soldotna Public Library, Soldotna
- University of Alaska/Alaska Pacific University Consortium Library, Anchorage
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