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**Public Notice of Peak Gold's (Manh Choh) 404 Wetlands Permit Application
POA 2013-00286**

Comment deadline February 13, 2022

On January 13, 2022, the Alaska District Corps of Engineers published a Public Notice for Department of the Army (DA) permit number POA-2013-00286, Tanana River for a DA permit application from Peak Gold LLC to profitably produce gold from land owned by the Native Village of Tetlin utilizing open-pit mining methods and existing proven recovery processes. Comments are due by February 13th.

Please submit comments in support of this project!

Written comment deadline: February 13, 2022

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Or craft your own letter. Contact information and suggested talking points are as follows:

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If you need assistance with your comments, please contact Community Relations Specialist Brenna Schaake at either (907-490-6132) or brenna.schaake@Kinross.com

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Talking points, you may want to make in your comments are included in the pages following.



PROJECT BENEFITS

Opportunity of a lifetime to provide training for hundreds of local and statewide residents in skills that will serve them well into the future, inject millions of dollars into an economy that needs an economic boost, bring needed life or opportunities to small businesses still reeling from COVID-19 and offer Tetlin shareholders real hope and financial security.

- **\$1B in total spend from 2022-2028**
 - Taxes and other government payments will help fund state services
- **400-600 direct jobs during operations + hundreds of construction jobs and many more indirect jobs.** While in production, Manh Choh will be the region's second largest private employer and source of income.
 - Annual direct payroll of \$75M
 - Average wage \$130,000 (not including benefits)
 - Kinross has committed to training and hiring as many local community members as possible and will incentivize contractors to do the same
 - Identified training opportunities at TCC, Doyon, UAF
 - On-the-job training for Tetlin Village members at Fort Knox; will expand to other area residents
- **Many opportunities for local businesses and suppliers**
 - Vendors supplying goods and services will be a combination of local businesses in Tok, Delta Junction and other nearby communities and expanded relationships with existing Kinross vendors in Fairbanks and other locations
 - Manh Choh spent ≈\$2M locally in 2021. This is expected to increase sharply with the upcoming construction season
 - Kinross and contracted vendors will work to offer local contractor fairs
 - Developed local procurement policy to support sustainable, long-term improvement to local businesses
- **Lasting improvements for the region**
 - Significant upgrades to region's highways already planned are being accelerated, including the addition of 18 passing lanes and bridge replacements
 - New cellular tower will improve coverage for residents
 - Continued Tetlin Village Road maintenance funding, upgrades to exploration road and a new road that parallels existing Tetlin Village road
 - Kinross will be leaving an occupancy-ready elder's home on Tetlin land, expected to be available to larger area elders
- **New support for local non-profits, local organizations and athletic teams**
 - Initiated community investment program in Tok, Tetlin and Delta Junction
 - Partnering with Tetlin on infrastructure, education and health initiatives

THE MINING PROJECT

Manh Choh is a win-win project for southern Interior Alaska, especially the communities of Tetlin and Tok, bringing current and future benefits with a very small environmental footprint and no need for a tailings storage facility.

- **A single owner** – The Native Village of Tetlin owns the surface and subsurface rights to all the land associated with the Manh Choh project
- **Small environmental footprint** – The mine will consist of a camp and associated facilities. Mining will be from two small pits. No additional tailings dam or facility will need to be constructed
- **Ore will be transported 240 miles to the mill at Fort Knox, eliminating need for an on-site mill and tailings storage facility**
 - Less disturbance of the land, uses existing assets and keeps Fort Knox mill operating
 - Integrates well with Fort Knox plans
 - Makes the project financially feasible
 - Eliminates need for new power plant at Tetlin
- **The Manh Choh project is a smaller project relative to other mining projects and makes financial sense as long it can utilize existing infrastructure. The Ore Transport Plan allows a small project to proceed that would not otherwise be able to justify new infrastructure (mill) development**
- The Manh Choh project also adds new life to Fort Knox, where ore will be processed, protecting 715 well-paying jobs

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

Manh Choh is built on a foundation of true partnership, open communications, mutual benefits

- **Sound relationship with community and Council as trust has been built over time**
 - Tetlin Chief Danny Adams was the catalyst for this project
 - Tetlin Village Council (TVC) was looking for a partner they trusted to bring the deposit into production
 - The first meeting between Kinross and now Tetlin Chief Michael Sam was in April of 2019
 - Entered into an agreement with TVC in September 2020
 - Robust stakeholder engagement and community planning
 - Robust environmental studies, monitoring, programs
 - Strong community support: “We look forward to the safe and responsible development of the project and the positive benefits it is expected to generate for our community. We also look forward to further building a relationship with Kinross, a company with a strong track record in Alaska.” – Village of Tetlin Chief, Michael Sam
- **Small environmental footprint best protects tribal lands**
 - No need for a tailings storage facility or processing mill
 - Mined land will be quickly reclaimed after mining ends

SAFETY DRIVES MANH CHOH'S ORE TRANSPORT PLAN

- We will insist on a strong safety culture through **recruiting, training, ongoing coaching**
- We will meet or exceed all legal/regulatory requirements, including **load and speed limits, driver duty times**
- We will schedule and **plan the route to keep drivers within safe and legal duty limits**
- We will maintain **active communication** between drivers and dispatch to alert road hazards & conditions
- We will have a comprehensive safety system including **real time vehicle and driver monitoring.**
- We will use **purpose-built equipment** and diligently maintain it
- We will **cover loads** to minimize dust
- We will **drive to conditions**, including slowing or stopping operations if needed
- *Manh Choh's comprehensive vehicle and driver monitoring system includes:*
 - Driver fatigue management
 - Inward and/or outward facing cameras
 - Tracking driving hours and speed

ABOUT KINROSS

Kinross has been responsibly producing gold at Fort Knox, its Interior Alaska mine, for over 25 years

- Values-based company that puts people first with its rigorous safety program
- Outstanding Corporate Citizenship
- Exemplary environmental compliancy
- Fort Knox received the Sentinels of Safety Award from the U.S. National Mining Association as the safest large metal mine in the United States
- Committed to local purchasing and employment
- Widely recognized as a vital contributor to the well-being of Alaskans; focused on the long-term sustainability of the community
- Committed to protecting biodiversity, air and water quality, and to meet or exceed environmental regulatory requirements wherever we operate
- Committed to long-term sustainability as demonstrated by restoration projects.
 - Rehabilitated and restored wetlands and waterways in the Fish Creek valley that now support healthy fish population
 - Completed reclamation and restoration of the 2,050-acre True North mining site and returned it to state control

"The developers leased state land, produced a valuable commodity to serve global markets, employed Alaskans, and paid state taxes and royalties. When they were done, they remediated the effects of their work and returned the land to the state for its next use. The system works." – Corri Feige, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Partnered with Trout Unlimited to create the Alaska Abandoned Mine Restoration Initiative

- The first partnership of a major mining company and a fish conservation nonprofit in Alaska, working to restore stream beds to support salmon spawning