

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2008

- 1) Call to order – Rick Rogers, Vice President
- 2) Self Introductions
- 3) Headtable Introductions
- 4) Staff Report – Jason Brune, Executive Director
- 5) Program and Keynote Speaker:

Galena Nuclear Power Project

Marvin Yoder, Advisor, City of Galena
Principal, MY:T Solutions

Next Meeting: May 1: Steve Haagenon, Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority and State Energy Coordinator

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For Immediate Release
April 2, 2008

PEBBLE PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Anchorage – The Pebble Partnership today announced that long-time Alaska business leader John Shively has been named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company seeking to develop a globally significant copper deposit in the Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska.

“We’re extremely pleased that an Alaskan of John’s experience and personal integrity has agreed to lead the Pebble Project into the future,” said Cynthia Carroll, CEO of Anglo American plc, one of two companies that comprise the Pebble Partnership. “Today’s announcement represents an important milestone in our efforts to develop the Pebble Project consistent with our stated principles.”

“John shares our view that Pebble must go beyond compliance to ensure that the project can co-exist with clean water and healthy fisheries. He is also passionate about working in partnership with local communities to develop the project in a way that generates the greatest possible benefit for Alaskans.”

Mr. Shively was most recently employed as Vice President of Government & Community Relations for Holland America Line, where he served since 2002. He is a former Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (1995 – 2000), a former Chief of Staff to Governor Bill Sheffield and served 17 years with NANA Regional Corporation.

Shively was actively involved with NANA in obtaining the land selection rights for the area in which the Red Dog zinc mine is currently located. He and other NANA leaders negotiated the terms and the process by which the Red Dog mine was developed and permitted in partnership with Teck Cominco.

Born and raised in New York State, Shively moved to Alaska in 1965. He has served on numerous boards over the course of his career – including the Alaska Permanent Fund, the University of Alaska Board of Regents and, most recently, the Alaska Legislature’s Climate Impact Assessment Commission.

Since 2003, he has served as President of the Board of Directors for the Resource Development Council (RDC). In 1992, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) honored him with the prestigious Denali Award for his contributions to the Native community. He is an avid bicyclist and has been a fundraising leader and participant in the American Lung Association’s annual Clean Air Challenge for the past five years.

“In my view, the Pebble Project presents a tremendous opportunity for the people of Bristol Bay and all Alaska,” he said. “The global significance of the mineral deposit at Pebble is without question. Our challenge now is to see if we can find a way to work together to develop the resource that’s consistent with the values and priorities of local communities, of Alaska Natives and the citizens of the state. And that’s precisely the challenge I’ve been brought on to address.”

Shively said that Alaska’s mineral resources can play a key role in the future of the state’s economy – particularly for rural communities. He added that what happens at Pebble may have a significant impact on the future of mineral development in Alaska.

“I happen to believe this is an important project and an important moment in the state’s economic history,” he said. “I’m going to do everything in my power to work with local people and all Alaskans to see if this project can be developed responsibly, and in a way that generates the greatest possible benefit for the state.”

Based in Anchorage, Alaska, the Pebble Partnership was formed in July 2007 as a 50-50 partnership between a wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of Anglo American plc and a wholly owned affiliate of Canadian mineral exploration company Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd.

The Pebble Partnership is currently exploring the potential to develop a globally significant copper deposit in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska, approximately 200 miles southwest of Anchorage. The Pebble Project is located on state land designated for mineral resource exploration and development.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BP and ConocoPhillips Join on the Alaska Gas Pipeline

Work to begin immediately on new joint pipeline effort to bring Alaska gas to market

ANCHORAGE, April 8, 2008 - BP [NYSE: BP] and ConocoPhillips [NYSE: COP] today announced they have combined resources to start Denali - The Alaska Gas Pipeline. The pipeline will move approximately four billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to markets, and will be the largest private sector construction project ever built in North America. The project combines the financial strength, arctic experience and technical resources of two of the most capable and experienced companies in the world.

BP and ConocoPhillips plan to spend \$600 million to reach the first major project milestone, an open season, commencing before year-end 2010. Following a successful open season, a process during which the pipeline company seeks customers to make long-term firm transportation commitments to the project, the companies intend to obtain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and National Energy Board (NEB) certification and move forward with project construction. The FERC and NEB certificates are the critical permits that provide government authorization to construct a pipeline.

"This project is vital for North American energy consumers and for the future of the Alaska oil and gas industry. It will allow us to keep our North Slope fields in production for another 50 years," said Tony Hayward, BP Group Chief Executive. "The Alaska gas pipeline will be an historic project and we are pleased to be working with ConocoPhillips to move it forward."

"Our goal of bringing Alaska's North Slope gas to market is becoming a reality. Denali - The Alaska Gas Pipeline project will deliver natural gas to meet North America's growing energy needs," said Jim Mulva, ConocoPhillips chairman and chief executive officer. "ConocoPhillips is pleased to be working with BP on this project; our companies have a long history of successfully developing projects on Alaska's North Slope, in Canada, and around the world. The time is right to start moving this project forward."

The project consists of a gas treatment plant on Alaska's North Slope and a large-diameter pipeline that travels over 700 miles through Alaska, and then into Canada through the Yukon Territory and British Columbia to Alberta. Should it be required to transport gas from Alberta, the project will also include a large diameter pipeline from Alberta to the Lower 48 states. BP and ConocoPhillips will seek other equity partners, including pipeline companies, who can add value to the project and help manage the risks involved.

The companies already have assigned staff to the joint project team which will be ramping up over the coming months. A new project headquarters in Anchorage will be identified and a new company formed to manage the project. The project will provide jobs and business opportunities. ConocoPhillips' previously announced intent to conduct summer field work in Alaska will be rolled into the joint effort.

BP is an integrated energy company with interests around the world. For more information, see www.bp.com.

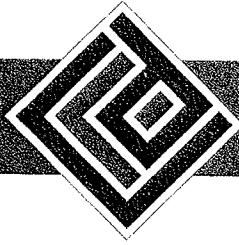
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Broadcast audio and video clips from today's press conference will be available at noon Alaska time at the project website:
www.denali-thealaskagaspipeline.com



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April 7, 2008

Honorable Curtis D. Menard, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Menard:

The Resource Development Council strongly opposes the two draft borough ordinances concerning gravel extraction, which are on the April 15 Assembly Agenda.

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism and fisheries industries. Our membership also includes Native regional and village corporations, local governments, organized labor and industry support firms. RDC's mission is to help grow Alaska's economy through the responsible development of the state's natural resources.

The proposed ordinances attempt to address a problem that does not exist. Based upon available scientific data, there are not likely to be problems in the future either.

RDC has consistently advocated basing regulatory changes on scientific fact. With respect to regulating gravel extraction, these facts should be based upon the expertise and opinion of professional hydrogeologists, hydrologists and engineers most familiar with gravel dredging operations. These are professionals who have the public health and welfare in mind and offer their opinions based upon scientific principles.

Gravel dredging operations occur throughout Alaska and in dozens of other states. The state and local governments in these areas view this activity as having a minimal risk to the environment and a significant benefit to society. Indeed, local planners in many of these areas have elevated the importance of aggregate resources, which they recognize as vital to the development of their economies and infrastructure.

Underwater dredging is the preferred method of gravel production in many locations within our state. In the Fairbanks North Star Borough and Seward, much of the gravel is produced from beneath the water table. We are not aware of any major issues that have arisen in Fairbanks, Seward or elsewhere as a result of mining gravel at or below the water table.

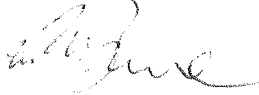
Moreover, underwater gravel extraction allows for maximum resource utilization and recovery, which actually minimizes the footprint of the industry in a specific region. Ironically, the proposed ordinances could have the opposite effect, as lower utilization and recovery from existing operations would require the establishment of smaller but numerous gravel pits to meet local needs. The cumulative effect could very well result in an overall larger footprint.

Unintended potential consequences of the ordinances include significant impacts to the gravel industry and local businesses, reduced local supplies of aggregate, higher material costs, longer haul distances, increased heavy truck traffic and added congestion to local roads. In addition, the higher cost of aggregate will raise the cost of both public and private sector construction projects, as well as home construction.

We request the Matanuska-Susitna Borough defeat these ill-advised ordinances.

Sincerely,

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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