

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 23-60**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING TECK AMERICAN'S ONGOING WORK
TOWARD EXPLORATION OF THE AKTIGIRUQ AND ANARRAAQ
DEPOSITS NEAR THE RED DOG MINE.**

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough is the home rule regional government for Northwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS: residents formed the Borough in 1986 on the promise of tax revenue from the Red Dog Mine; and

WHEREAS: the Red Dog Mine has operated since 1989 and has consistently been one of the largest lead and zinc mines in the world; and

WHEREAS: since February 1987, the Borough and the operator of the Red Dog Mine have had a payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) agreement in place to provide revenue for public services and support of education; and

WHEREAS: the Borough's most recent PILT agreement for Red Dog was executed with Teck Alaska, Inc., in April 2017, and will expire at the end of 2025, with the possibility for a five-year extension upon agreement between the Borough and Teck; and

WHEREAS: under Teck's current mine plan, the Red Dog Mine will cease production in 2031; and

WHEREAS: without successful exploration and development of new deposits near Red Dog, the Borough will be without its largest taxable activity and taxpayer without a comparable replacement; and

WHEREAS: future production at Red Dog depends on successful exploration and development of surrounding deposits; and

WHEREAS: the Borough's Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of supporting strategic natural resource development and the important role that the Red Dog Mine play as an economic generator in the region; and

WHEREAS: Teck Resources Limited subsidiary, Teck American, Inc., is currently undertaking permitting for exploration and potential development of the

Aktigiruk and Anarraaq deposits on state lands about 10 miles north of the existing mine; and

WHEREAS: preliminary work at Aktigiruk shows an estimated resource of 80 to 150 million metric tons at 16 percent to 18 percent zinc, a grade similar to the current Red Dog Mine; and

WHEREAS: to reach Aktigiruk and Anarraaq for underground exploration, Teck must construct a surface road from the existing mine site to the deposit sites approximately 10 miles away; and

WHEREAS: Teck American proposes to develop a gravel road and work pads to provide safe, year-round overland access and foundations for support facilities, including an underground access portal, to allow a multi-year exploration drilling campaign to assess the technical characteristics and economic viability of the Aktigiruk and Anarraaq deposits; and

WHEREAS: Teck American will access the Aktigiruk and Anarraaq deposits from the proposed gravel access road and support facilities to evaluate the potential to extend milling operations at the Red Dog Mine; and

WHEREAS: as part of this work, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published a Public Notice of Application for Permit (Ikalukrok Creek, POA-2018-00075) on March 10, 2022, to develop Teck American's proposed gravel exploration access road and work pads; and

WHEREAS: this work has been permitted by the Borough under Title 9 Major Use Permit No.110-03-22: Teck American, Inc. Anarraaq & Aktigiruk Drilling (approved April 14, 2022) and Title 9 Minor Use Permit No.110-03-21: Teck American Inc. Mineral Exploration; and

WHEREAS: the Borough supports this ongoing work and the careful planning and permitting effort undertaken to ensure the access road will not disturb cultural sites and natural resources; and

WHEREAS: the Borough recognizes the significant benefit that Red Dog's operations have brought to the Borough, NANA Regional Corporation, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, and the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS: the Borough recognizes that the economic livelihood of the region depends on ongoing mineral exploration, development, and production; and

WHEREAS: while the Borough recognizes the potential that the Ambler Mining District represents, it also recognizes the existing transportation facilities and infrastructure that will immediately accommodate future mining operations around the Red Dog Mine, and in turn, the importance of fully exploring those development opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Borough Assembly supports Teck Resources' ongoing exploration efforts to expand mining operations to the surrounding deposits.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



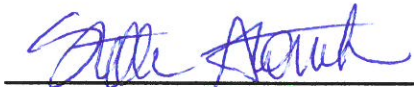
Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

