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Donlin Gold awards engineering contracts to support Bankable Feasibility Study

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Donlin Gold has awarded engineering contracts to three internationally recognized firms — WSP USA Inc. ("WSP"), Worley Alaska Inc. ("Worley") and Hatch Ltd. ("Hatch") — to support key infrastructure and processing components of the project's Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS).

These contracts complement Fluor Corp's ("Fluor") work. Fluor is the engineering firm recently selected to lead the BFS and to integrate engineering, cost, schedule, and execution planning for the BFS.

The BFS is a comprehensive assessment of the project's engineering, cost, schedule and execution planning, ensuring the project is technically sound and responsibly designed with the long-term interests of Yukon-Kuskokwim region communities in mind.

"These additional engineering partners bring deep expertise in the specialized systems required to develop a project of this scale," said Todd Dahlman, general manager of Donlin Gold. "By working alongside Fluor, they will advance engineering work that strengthens the technical foundation and cost certainty for this important project."

"The firms selected are recognized leaders in their respective disciplines," said Frank Arcese, project director for Donlin Gold. "Their experience designing complex infrastructure and mineral processing systems will be instrumental as we advance the technical work needed to deliver a high-quality, investment-grade BFS."

Each firm will focus on key components of the project's infrastructure and processing systems:

- WSP will lead engineering design for the proposed dual-fuel (natural gas/diesel) power plant that will supply electricity for the proposed mining operations, processing plant, and associated infrastructure.
- Worley will lead engineering work for the project's 316-mile buried steel pipeline, which would transport natural gas from the existing 20-inch Beluga Pipeline in Cook Inlet to the power plant at the mine site.
- Hatch will lead engineering for the pressure oxidation (POX) circuit and oxygen plant as the core processing technology for treating refractory gold ore, which contains sulfide-hosted mineralization requiring oxidative pretreatment prior to conventional cyanidation

for gold extraction. The POX facility will be integrated within the overall process plant flowsheet, following crushing, grinding and flotation and preceding carbon-in-leach (CIL) gold extraction. Hatch will also be responsible for the design of the on-site oxygen plant, another key component of the mineral processing system.

Fluor will integrate these workstreams into a single framework supporting the development of an investment-grade feasibility study.

Requests for proposals for these specialized scopes were issued in late 2025, and contractors were selected following a competitive evaluation process. Alongside the technical work, Donlin Gold continues to recruit for key positions needed to advance site activities and prepare for the next phase of project development.

Engineering and technical work for the BFS is expected to continue through 2027 as Donlin Gold progresses planning for the project's next stage.

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