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Alaskan firms form joint venture to broaden services to Pebble Project

Anchorage, AK—Nanvaq Limited, a new joint venture formed by Iliamna Development Corporation (IDC) and PRL Logistics (PRL) has been created to provide site services to Northern Dynasty Mines (NDM) and the Pebble Project in the Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska.

Nanvaq is a Yup'ik word that means lake. Principals of the new joint venture say their intent is to "focus on leveraging their combined resources to provide the best and most efficient processes for their clients."

IDC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Iliamna Natives Limited (INL), incorporated under ANCSA to represent the Native village of Iliamna. IDC provides a variety of services in the Iliamna/Bristol Bay region and NDM has been a customer for these services over the past several years.

PRL is a full-service logistics, project management and consulting firm with worldwide experience and strategic alliances. Based in Anchorage, PRL has managed projects throughout Alaska, the Pacific Rim and the Lower 48. They currently provide services for a variety of clients from small private companies to large government organizations. They specialize in project planning, expediting, freight management, remote camp management, and other logistics services for complex and remote sites.

Both PRL and IDC have previously provided services to Northern Dynasty under separate agreements. The formation of Nanvaq will consolidate these services, expand the roles that the firms have played and, most importantly, create more opportunities for Alaskans.

"More than 100 Bristol Bay residents have been employed at the Pebble Project in recent years, which has made a significant difference in the lives of local people," said Sue Anelon, President of INL. "As we move forward with this joint venture, our focus will be on building a strong future for our people while preserving our rich past."

Nanvaq Limited hopes to expand employment opportunities on the Pebble Project for local residents, while earning the right to access future contracts as the project moves forward.

“We are pleased that Northern Dynasty recognizes the integrity of the work our two companies have performed and believe this joint venture will open even more doors for local residents to work on the project in the future,” said Ron Hyde, CEO. “One of our top priorities is to expand the recruitment of workers from the entire Bristol Bay region.”

Services that Nanvaq will provide to NDM include: catering; lodging; housekeeping; logistics management; shipping and receiving; transportation; health, safety and environmental training; human resources and personnel recruiting, hiring and training; equipment leasing; and construction services, including earthwork, excavation and road construction.

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