Corps will use Final Environmental Impact Statement to inform permit decision

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District published the final environmental impact statement for the Pebble Limited Partnership's application to discharge fill material into waters of the United States for the purpose of developing a copper-molybdenum-gold mine project in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska on July 24.

The Corps reiterates that the final environmental impact statement (EIS) is not a permit decision and does not authorize operation of the mine. The final EIS contains an analysis of Pebble Limited Partnership’s preferred alternative along with alternatives to that project. The analysis in the final EIS will be used to determine if Pebble's preferred alternative is permissible under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The permit decision will be documented in a record of decision.

The FEIS document is available electronically at the Pebble Project EIS website: http://www.pebbleprojecteis.com. Also, the final EIS may be viewed electronically at the following public libraries: Alaska Resources Library and Information Service; Bristol Bay Borough Libraries serving King Salmon, Naknek, and South Naknek; Dillingham Public Library; Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; Homer Public Library; Kenai Community Library; Soldotna Public Library; UAA/APU Consortium Library and Z.J. Loussac Public Library in Anchorage.

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