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Mother Kuskokwim Coalition to Barrick Gold: Walk Away from Proposed Donlin Gold Mine in Southwest Alaska

May 1st, 2023 (Bethel, Alaska) – Alaska Native community leaders are attending the Barrick Gold (NYSE: GOLD) Annual General Meeting this week to raise indigenous rights concerns and call on Barrick to withdraw from the controversial Donlin open pit gold mine, which threatens the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River. In advance of the AGM, nine Tribes in the Kuskokwim region [sent a letter](#) calling on Barrick to withdraw financial support from the project.

“Barrick promotes themselves as prioritizing environmental sustainability and indigenous partnerships but we have not seen that in our region. The truth is they do not as witnessed in other parts of the world.” **said Beverly Hoffman, Orutsararmiut Tribal Citizen and co-founder of the Mother Kuskokwim Tribal Coalition.** “Even though my Calista Native Corporation and Kuskokwim Corporations are involved it was never voted on by shareholders and the fact is the majority of our people oppose Donlin, we are asking Barrick to walk away from this project that threatens our land, waters, food security and way of life”.

Opposition to the controversial open pit cyanide leach gold mine has dramatically increased in