EIS Outline

How the EIS will be Organized

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will analyze the potential impacts to the biological, physical, and social environements. The EIS will be organized into chapters to address the specific requirements in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). By understanding the layout of the document ahead of time, readers can more easily find the specific sections they may be interested in reviewing and providing comments.

Executive Summary – overview of the Draft EIS, summarizes draft findings of potential impacts, and serves as a guide for where to find details.

Chapter 1. Purpose and Need – Introduces roles of the lead agency (US Army Corps of Engineers) and the cooperating agencies. Describes the purpose of the proposed project so that alternative methods and designs that meet the same purpose can be examined.

> The purpose and need of a project is essential in establishing a basis for the development of the range of reasonable alternatives required in an EIS and the identification and selection of a preferred alternative.

Chapter 2. Alternatives – Describes alternatives to be analyzed, including a No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action (as designed by the Pebble Limited Partnership) and reasonable and practicable alternatives to address issues raised during scoping and the EIS process, such as, but not limited to,tailings and mine water management, alternate pipeline routes, surface access to the mine site and vehicle traffic levels, and port/ferry facilities, location, and traffic levels.

Chapter 3. Affected Environment – Describes the regulatory framework and baseline conditions of key resource topics in the proposed project environment (such as fish and wildlife, water quality, economics, food production, commercial fishing, and recreation).

Chapter 4. Environmental Analysis – Analyzes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to each of the resources from the proposed action and each alternative. Mitigation measures, and best management practices will be included in the analysis.

Chapter 5. Mitigation and Permitting Requirements – references applicable regulatory guidance; describes the process of identifying mitigation during the NEPA, Clean Water Act Section 404 (b)(1), and other agency permitting processes; and identifies committed measures by the Pebble Limited Partnership to avoid or minimize impacts.

Chapter 6. List of Preparers – Presents the list of contributors to the preparation of the EIS, including their affiliation, project role, educational background and years of experience.

Chapter 7. List of Agencies, Organizations, and Persons to Whom Copies of the Statement Have Been Sent – Describes the distribution of the Draft and Final EIS documents, by name of federal and state agency, municipal government, tribal government, other Alaska Native organizations, public offices, other entities, and libraries and universities.

Chapter 8 – References – presents the references used in preparing the EIS.