

NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.

Since 1972, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. (NANA) has grown from a small, Kotzebue-based operation to a diverse corporation with businesses and employees around the world. However, it is a company still firmly rooted in Inupiat culture and values.

As one of the 13 Regional Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, NANA works to create economic opportunities for its more than 12,700 Inupiat shareholders and to protect and enhance NANA lands, culture and the traditional Inupiat subsistence way-of-life.

Located in northwest Alaska, the 38,000 square mile NANA region lies mostly above the Arctic Circle. NANA owns 2.2 million acres, or approximately 9.4 percent of the 24.3 million acres that comprise this area.

The NANA region is one of the largest unexplored on-shore basins in North America and NANA Regional Corporation is working with its partners to responsibly unlock this potential to the benefit of the corporation's Inupiat shareholders.

As land owner of Red Dog Mine, one of the world's largest zinc mines, NANA shareholders know and appreciate the benefits responsible development brings to their region. For more than two decades, Red Dog has stood as a model of responsible development, founded on the principles of consensus, cooperation, and mutual respect between a mining company and indigenous people.

"Red Dog Mine is more than just a mine developing essential minerals," said Dr. Lance Miller, vice president of Natural Resources at NANA. "It is a mechanism for hope and a catalyst for the northwest Arctic, Alaska and American economies. Development at the mine generates well-paying jobs for our shareholders and represents 73 percent of domestic zinc production. It has, and continues to, provide an economic base for the NANA region."

In 1991, NANA shareholders voted to enroll those born after the ANCSA cut-off



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NANA Regional Corporation President/CEO, Marie N. Greene working with Lands Department staff (l to r) Abraham Snyder, director; Bibianna Scott, technician and Walter Sampson, vice president of Lands and Regional Affairs. The NANA Lands Department manages 2.2 million acres of land in northwest Alaska to the benefit of their 12,700 shareholders.

date as shareholders to the corporation.

"Our shareholder base continually grows" said E.J. Doll Garoutte, vice president NANA Shareholder Relations, "so NANA is actively engaged to ensure we continue to offer opportunities to our shareholders, and are able to invest in the region."

One such opportunity is the Upper Kobuk Mineral Development project. As part of the project, NANA and NovaGold are working on development of the Arctic Deposit in the Ambler Mining District, and the Bornite property on nearby NANA land. "Development and exploration of new projects will help maintain and grow revenues, jobs and payments to local governments when Red Dog reaches the end of its mine life," said Miller.

The Ambler Mining District contains deposits of copper, lead, zinc, silver and gold, and the Arctic Deposit is the largest known deposit in the district. Bornite is an underexplored copper deposit.

Skyrocketing energy costs dramatically affect many aspects of life in northwest Alaska. From developing alternative energy projects to multipurpose village buildings to strategic partnerships with local, statewide and federal institutions and

agencies, NANA is tackling energy and economic development issues head-on.

In addition to resource development projects, NANA owns NANA Development Corporation (NDC). Founded in 1974, NDC is an investment management company with a broad range of subsidiaries and affiliates providing an array of services across five business lines: Resource Development, Engineering and Construction, IT & Telecom, Facilities Management & Logistics (Federal and Commercial), Real Estate & Hotel Development.

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