CIRI buys North Wind Inc.

Acquisition positions both companies for environmental and construction services growth

CIRI Development Corp. acquired North Wind Inc., an environmental management, engineering and construction services company on Dec. 31, 2009. CIRI Development Corp. is a wholly owned CIRI subsidiary.

North Wind is an Alaska corporation, headquartered in Idaho Falls, Idaho, with some 400 workers at offices and projects located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The firm was founded by company President Sylvia Medina in Eagle River, Alaska, in 1997. Medina will remain president, and CIRI does not anticipate any management changes or job cuts.

"We are very excited to bring North Wind into the CIRI family of companies," said Margie Brown, CIRI president and chief executive officer. "It is a successful, highly-regarded company with a strong management team. It should provide an excellent platform for CIRI business growth, especially outside of Alaska."

"The new ownership will benefit North Wind and its customers by assuring long-term continuity," Medina said. "CIRI is well-positioned to help North Wind grow its operations across North America."

North Wind also provides natural/cultural resource consulting and information technology services. The firm has a large portfolio of contracts with government and commercial customers, including the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Bechtel Corp., NASA, Chevron Phillips Chemical, Duke Energy and General Electric.

North Wind employs approximately 400 scientific, engineering, construction, management and professional personnel and has 19 nationwide office locations. The company core capabilities include waste management; decontamination, demolition and decommissioning; remediation technologies; information technology and GIS; environmental restoration; public involvement and communications; natural/cultural resource consulting; and environmental compliance, permitting and management.

North Wind's strict corporate safety philosophy has resulted in a safety record of zero lost-time accidents in more than 2 million man-hours worked. The company has won numerous awards and commendations, including the Better Business Bureau 2009 Torch Award. North Wind received the award, which recognizes companies for their ethics and integrity in their interactions with their customers and community, on Jan. 14 in Idaho Falls.

North Wind works with many partners and collaborators to enhance the services it provides, including the Idaho National Laboratory and various universities.

For more information about North Wind, please go online to www.northwind-inc.com

Tourism job fair
CATC, Heritage Center recruiting for seasonal jobs

Work in our World! Find out more about the fantastic seasonal jobs available with CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. and the Alaska Native Heritage Center at our Job Fair on Feb. 17, 1-4 p.m. at the Cook Inlet Tribal Council Building, first floor (3600 San Jeronimo Drive in Anchorage).

Meet the hiring managers and learn about the variety of fun and challenging positions are available at Alaska Heritage Tours, Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Seward Windsong Lodge, Kenai Fjord Tours, Prince William Sound Glacier Cruises and the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Get paid where most people pay to be. Call Kelly at (907) 777-2822 or visit the Careers page of the CIRI web site for more information.
The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA) has been a guiding light in my life since its passage. As a young adult I made the decision to become a CIRI shareholder and later to work for the company. Today I am honored to serve as president and chief executive officer of CIRI, an ANCSA-created corporation that provides significant wealth and benefits for its shareholders.

ANCSA started as land struggle between the competing interests of misaligned state, federal and private concerns and the rights and needs of Alaska Native people. The land claims debate gained energy when Alaska Native leaders realized the devastating impact the state's land selection of more than 100 million acres under the Statehood Act would have on their people's land rights. Settling the claims grew into a national priority after oil was discovered at Prudhoe Bay and developers needed to build the 800-mile-long Trans Alaska Pipeline System. These historic events and others provided the unique convergence of circumstances that enabled ANCSA's passage and the allocation of 44 million acres of land and $1 billion cash to benefit current and future generations of Alaska Natives.

Congressional and Alaska Native leaders were unified in their rejection of ideas that required the creation of reservations or sustained government oversight, intervention or resource allocation to satisfy Alaska Native claims. After much debate, ANCSA drafters chose the capitalist business model to guide the settlement because it provided a sustainable solution for stakeholders' needs without reliance upon government grants, allocations or handouts that generally fail to incentivize permanent solutions and depend upon political will that can change every election cycle.

Drafters embedded capitalist values into ANCSA by forming for-profit Alaska Native corporations (ANC) that provide self-determination to Alaska Native people by creating opportunities for development and increasing value for all stakeholders in the form of jobs, dividends and economic growth.

We are fast approaching the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Act. This milestone surely will generate debate about ANCSA effectiveness and some arguments that the corporate model somehow inhibits Alaska Native traditions and spiritual values. I agree that regional and village corporations make decisions that balance profit making with cultural values, but I submit that no ANC focuses all of its attention on the bottom line. Instead, I think ANC's incorporate traditional values into their daily decision making, and they certainly commit significant resources to supporting traditional values. CIRI, for example, has given millions of dollars to create, initially fund and support a family of nonprofit service providers that serve CIRI shareholders, descendents' and other Alaska Natives' social, educational, healthcare and cultural needs. These nonprofits provide needed services and education programs that reflect traditional Alaska Native values. Also, the indigenous value of sharing is enshrined in ANCSA's resource-revenue sharing requirement through which hundreds of millions of dollars have been shared among the corporations.

ANCSA has also empowered Alaska Natives (and all Alaskans) by turning the traditional Alaska business model on its head. Ever since the Russians arrived, the model was for outsiders to exploit Alaska's resources and export their profits out of the state. This has been the case with the fur trade, gold mining . . . and most recently the oil industry. This model is not sustainable and the outsiders eventually leave and take their revenue with them. ANCs are reversing this model by doing business in Alaska, throughout the United States and around the world and then bringing their profits back to Alaska to create local jobs and pay dividends to Alaska Native shareholders, most of whom live in the state.

Finally, ANCSA also ensured that Alaska Natives, collectively through their respective ANCs, own valuable and significant properties throughout Alaska. Some of these lands are sacred. Some are important for subsistence plants and animals. And some of these lands will never be used for economic development. But ANCSA ensures that Alaska Natives get to decide, in a collective manner, which ANC lands will be preserved and which will be considered for development through the actions of boards of directors of ANCSA-created corporations.

Consequently, I believe that ANCSA is more successful than not because it creates opportunities, not entitlements for Alaska Natives. Consequently, I believe that ANCSA is more successful than not because it creates opportunities, not entitlements for Alaska Natives. It provides us with opportunities to thrive and succeed in life by using our own hard work, intelligence and good luck. And it empowers us to participate and compete in the state and national economies by doing business, generating jobs, earning profits and distributing appropriate dividends, all while taking into account traditional values and balancing the needs of current and future generations of Alaska Native shareholders.

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

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CIRI Shareholder News

2009 CIRI shareholder tax information

CIRI has mailed IRS 1099 forms to all shareholders for the 2009 tax year. Some shareholders will receive a second 1099 form if they also received 7(j) payments and/or shareholder prizes. The 1099 forms reflect payments including:

- Quarterly dividends (reported in boxes 1a and 1b on Form 1099-DIV)
- Irrevocable Elders’ Settlement Trust distributions (reported in boxes 1a and 1b on Form 1099-DIV)
- 7(j) resource payments (reported in box 3 on Form 1099-MISC)
- Shareholder prizes (reported in box 3 on Form 1099-MISC)

CIRI paid a total of $35.24 per share ($3,524 per 100 shares) in 2009 quarterly dividends. The Elders’ Benefit Program and the Irrevocable Elders’ Settlement Trust both paid $1,800 ($450 per quarter) to qualified Elders. These distributions are reported on Form 1099-DIV in box 1a (ordinary dividends) and box 1b (qualified dividends).

The amount reported in box 1a on the 2009 Form 1099-DIV is the total of all taxable distributions CIRI paid in 2009 for quarterly dividends and Elders’ distributions. Box 1b shows the same amount and may qualify for a reduced tax rate. If you have held your shares for less than one year please consult your tax advisor regarding the proper tax treatment of qualified dividends.

If you inherited new shares during 2009 you may have an amount reported in box 3. In some circumstances, depending upon an individual’s tax “basis” your tax advisor for the appropriate treatment of distribution totals reported in box 3 (nondividend distributions) on the 2009 Form 1099-DIV. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the proper tax treatment of qualified dividends.

Shareholder prizes (reported in box 3 on Form 1099-MISC) and 7(j) resource payments (reported in Form 1099-MISC, IRS Form 1099-MISC). The resource revenue payment derives from resource sharing among the 12 regional corporations as required by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Your 7(j) payment appears on a different form because resource revenue payments are not dividends and are not considered investment income. ANCSA requires that resource revenue be paid to village shareholders’ village corporations, so that CIRI does not report these payments as individual shareholder income. CIRI reports payments made in 2009 to shareholders for prizes or awards on Form 1099-MISC in box 3 (other income).

Farquhar wins December Stock Will prize

Lianne Farquhar won the December 2009 Stock Will participation prize. To be eligible for the monthly $200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a Will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI Web site at www.ciri.com. To verify whether you have a Will on file, contact CIRI’s probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

At-large shareholders received a $18.1996 per share (or $1,819.96 per 100 shares) 7(j) resource revenue payment in 2009. If you are an at-large shareholder, your 7(j) payment is reported on a Form 1099-MISC in box 3 (other income). The resource revenue payment derives from resource sharing among the 12 regional corporations as required by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Your 7(j) payment appears on a different form because resource revenue payments are not dividends and are not considered investment income. ANCSA requires that resource revenue be paid to village shareholders’ village corporations, so that CIRI does not report these payments as individual shareholder income. CIRI reports payments made in 2009 to shareholders for prizes or awards on Form 1099-MISC in box 3 (other income).

CIRI Spotlight: Bernadene “Bernie” Henrie

CIRI shareholder serves fellow shareholders in different capacities

Assisting CIRI shareholders comes naturally to Bernadene “Bernie” Henrie, a CIRI shareholder from Anchorage and Wasilla. She not only served on a Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC), but also helps shareholders with name changes, stock gifting and other issues as a Stock Transfer Technician in CIRI’s Shareholder Relations Department.

Bernie served as chair of the Anchorage SPC. When asked why she applied to serve on the committee, she said she did it on a whim when she received her proxy packet.

All voting shareholders receive a questionnaire about CIRI prior to CIRI’s Annual Meeting, and shareholders who are interested in serving on a SPC committee submit the card no later than the day of the Annual Meeting. A random drawing from questionnaires that have been answered correctly is held the following week; chosen SPC members typically serve three years.

Bernie said she enjoyed serving as an SPC member. She really liked interacting with shareholders and meeting new people. She said that serving on the committee was also quite an education.

“While working with her, I have seen how she absorbs information from shareholder meetings and events to better help her fellow shareholders by sharing information about CIRI and our family of nonprofits,” said Ann Gibbs, CIRI shareholder records manager and SPC liaison. “Now that Bernie works for CIRI in the Shareholder Relations department, she has a unique view, which helps her relate with shareholders. I am very happy that Bernie accepted the position and hope shareholders get the opportunity to meet her at future shareholder meeting and events.”

In her role in Shareholder Relations, Bernie assists shareholders in person and over the phone with name changes, minors reaching the age of majority and stock gifting. She says the best thing about her job so far is the people she works with. Overall, she says she trusts the direction that CIRI is going and she values the leadership CIRI has.

“The main thing I learned from being on the SPC committee was how approachable our Board members are,” said Bernie. “By coming to work for CIRI, I learned that CIRI is involved in the community, and they do their best to serve the shareholders and preserve the company for future generations.”

Volunteerism is not new to Bernie. She is a member of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce’s Ambassador Committee. As an active participant, she is not only able to network with other business professionals in Anchorage but also develop leadership and project management skills that are useful in the work environment.

Bernie says she enjoys being involved in community events that impact the Anchorage community. Bernie’s future plans include buying a house and returning to college to pursue a degree.

Find more stock will information online at www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/estate.aspx.

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CITC opens new Dena’ina exhibit
Possessions of last Eklutna chief featured

Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc. (CITC) recently unveiled an exhibit of Dena’ina artwork and cultural objects, including items from the A. Debbie Fullenwider Collection. The Fullenwider Collection is a rare group of objects originally belonging to Chief Alex Vasily (1886-1953), the last tribal chief and medicine man of Eklutna. They range from chief’s regalia to carving knives used by Chief Alex, who was a traditional craftsman, hunter and fisherman.

According to Gloria O’Neill, CITC president and chief executive officer, the exhibit is a reflection of CITC’s inclusive mission and its programs that serve Native people who have come to Anchorage from throughout Alaska.

“Although we’re a thoroughly modern organization, housed in a contemporary office building, we are grounded in Alaska Native values and our identity as Alaska Native people,” said O’Neill. “We are honored to present this collection and showcase our heritage.”

In addition to Chief Alex’s belongings, the exhibition includes artwork from throughout Alaska representing the cultural heritage of all Alaska’s Native people, including a traditional Yup’ik wooden feast bowl and a decorative contemporary Athabascan tunic and headpiece, a reproduction of a 19th-century garment.

Heritage Center selects playwrights project participants
Alaska Native writers trained by mentors in yearlong project

The Alaska Native Heritage Center announced the selection of writers and mentors to participate in its first Alaska Native Playwrights Project on Jan. 4.

The year-long project is designed to identify, train and mentor Alaska Native writers who wish to tell their stories and the stories of their people in theatrical form. The writers work with a group of five nationally recognized Native American and Alaska Native playwrights, who mentor them through the process of creating a play.

“The selection process was challenging, as many worthy applicants submitted materials,” said Ed Bourgeois, project director. “We are pleased to announce the selection of a cohort of talented, passionate and culturally knowledgeable artists who will develop into a powerful writing community. They all have very important stories to tell.”

The following ten artists were selected by a reading committee of five Native and non-Native theater professionals: Phillip Charette (Yup’ik), Lisa Marie Heitman-Bruce (Sugpiaq), Kahlil Hudson (Tlingit), Martha Jane Jack (Yup’ik), Joan Kane (Inupiaq), Maureen Mayo (Koyukon Athabascan), Lucas Rowley (Inupiaq), Susie Silook (St. Lawrence Island Yupik), Holly Stanton (Yup’ik) and Kavelina Torres (Yup’ik/Inupiaq/Athabascan).

The five teaching artists, who will each mentor a pair of writers, are Diane Benson (Tlingit), Jack Dalton (Yup’ik), Diane Glancy (Cherokee), Terry Gomez (Comanche) and Joy Harjo (Muskogee Creek). All are established Native playwrights whose works have been published and performed in the United States and internationally.

The project started with a five-day writing intensive from Jan. 25-29. The play written by participants will be given staged readings at Cyrano’s Playhouse in Anchorage during November 2010, National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

For more information about the Alaska Native Heritage Center and its programs, please go online to www.alaskanative.net.

CITC offers customer service training program
Application deadline is Feb. 24

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, in partnership with the University of Alaska Anchorage and Mat-Su College, will hold a Customer Service and Management Training Program for a select number of eligible participants.

The program will be held Feb. 26 through March 12 and is intended to help participants develop customer service, leadership and other career-building skills that are valuable in today’s job market. The deadline to apply is Feb. 24.

Space is limited and there is an application review process, so please apply early!

The application procedures and guidelines outline eligibility, descriptions and qualifications for the program and are available through the Alaska’s People Career Center. Please contact Richard Perry at (907) 793-3370 or rperry@citci.com for more information.

Eklutna Inc. elects board of directors
Shareholders celebrate 37 years in business at annual meeting

Eklutna Inc. elected its board of directors at its annual shareholders’ meeting on Nov. 21, 2009, at the Mirror Lake Middle School in Chugiak, Alaska. The following members were elected:

- Michael C. Curry, President and Chair
- A. Debbie Fullenwider, Vice President
- Kim Zelle, Treasurer
- Maria D.L. Coleman, Secretary
- Lee Stephan, Director

Eklutna Inc. is an Alaska Native village corporation in CIRI’s region formed in 1972 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. It is the largest landowner in Anchorage with significant holdings in the Anchorage area, Eagle River and the Mat-Su Valley.

Eklutna Inc. represents more than 178 shareholders and manages a variety of investments including shopping centers, office buildings, gravel pits and residential developments. Eklutna’s government contracting division currently has several key construction contracts on Alaska military bases.

For more information, please go online to www.eklutnainc.com.
In Touch with shareholders

Baby Jema
CIRI and Tyonek Native Corp. shareholder Jennifer Norkett proudly announces the arrival of her granddaughter, Jema. She is the daughter of Alyssa Hudacin. Jema's great-grandmother is CIRI and Tyonek Native Corp. shareholder Martha Chase (Mishakoff).

National Honor Society
CIRI descendant Mandee Jackson was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Mandee is a junior at Nikiski High School in Nikiski, Alaska. She is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Suzanne and Paul Jackson.

Anchorage graduates
Rachel and Richard Martins-Smith graduated May 12, 2009, from Bartlett High School in Anchorage. They are the children of Cecelia Martins and CIRI shareholder Thelma and Bennie Smith, who are all proud of their accomplishment.

Baby Jayda
CIRI shareholder Bernadine Atchison and her husband, James Bartl of Minnesota announce the birth of their first grandchild, Jayda Rose Mitchell. Jayda was born April 30, 2009, to Casey and Jamie Mitchell of Soldotna, Alaska. Jayda is the great-granddaughter of Virginia Hunter and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Rika Murphy.

Soldotna wedding
CIRI shareholder Bernadine Atchison announces the marriage of her daughter Jessica Atchison Comeaux to Jordan Andrew Newton on Aug. 28, 2009, at the Kenai River Red Lodge in Soldotna, Alaska. Jessica is the granddaughter of Virginia Hunter of Kenai and the great-granddaughter of the late Rika Murphy.

Baby Jovie
Jovie Elisia Rucker was born on Dec. 17, 2009, at 8:50 p.m. to Markzie Trascritti Rucker and Derek T. Rucker. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Jovie is the granddaughter of CIRI shareholder M. Teresa Trascritti and husband Dr. Fran Trascritti and great-great-granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Ernest J. Watson and wife Virginie Watson. Proud family members include Jovie’s paternal grandparents, Rev. Tommy Rucker and wife Kay Rucker; uncles Frank, James and Nicholas Trascritti; and aunts Jesi Rucker McCutchen and husband Jason and Melissa Rucker Holtz and husband Dan. Other family members include great-grandparents Frank and Marie Trascritti, Constancia Theard, Rev. Jessie and Daisy Baxter, Betty Rucker and her husband Dan. Other family members include great-grandparents Frank and Marie Trascritti, Constancia Theard, Rev. Jessie and Daisy Baxter, Betty Rucker and her husband Dan. Other family members include great-grandparents Frank and Marie Trascritti, Constancia Theard, Rev. Jessie and Daisy Baxter, Betty Rucker and her husband Dan. Other family members include great-grandparents Frank and Marie Trascritti, Constancia Theard, Rev. Jessie and Daisy Baxter, Betty Rucker and her husband Dan.

University graduate
CIRI descendant Tiffany Shelford graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in Community Psychology in June 2009. She spent the summer in southeast Alaska working as a Party Planner for Holland America Cruise Line. She currently works as an assistant manager for Bare Essentials Cosmetic Boutique in Bellevue, Wash. She plans to eventually attain her master's degree and work as a middle school counselor. Tiffany is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Doug and Jo Shelford of Bellevue, Wash. She plans to eventually attain her master's degree and work as a middle school counselor. Tiffany is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Doug and Jo Shelford of Bellevue, Wash. She plans to eventually attain her master's degree and work as a middle school counselor. Tiffany is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Doug and Jo Shelford of Bellevue, Wash. She plans to eventually attain her master's degree and work as a middle school counselor. Tiffany is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Doug and Jo Shelford of Bellevue, Wash. She plans to eventually attain her master's degree and work as a middle school counselor.

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Baby Attalia
Attalia Soleil Valentine was born Dec. 25, 2009, at 8:44 a.m. at Oak Harbor Naval Hospital in Oak Harbor, Wash. Her parents are CIRI shareholder Devon and Renaldo Valentine. Attalia is the grand-daughter of CIRI shareholder Justina and Fred Meyer, Rick Fisk of Anchorage and Trujillo and Jennifer Valentine of Coppell, Texas. Her great-grandmother is CIRI shareholder Jennie Larson of Anchorage. Other proud family members are aunts Shannon Fisk and Malayah Meyer, uncle Aaron Fisk and cousin Dominic Fisk, all of Anchorage.

CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses
CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI of any name changes, address changes, phone number, birth date and social security number. CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI of any name changes, address changes, phone number, birth date and social security number. CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI of any name changes, address changes, phone number, birth date and social security number. CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI of any name changes, address changes, phone number, birth date and social security number.

Learn more about address/name changes at www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx.
Condolences

Elizabeth “Liz” Baker (Stephan), 72
Elizabeth “Liz” Baker died Nov. 4, 2009, at home in Anchorage. Ms. Baker was born Jan. 28, 1937, in Tyonek, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Ernie Standifer; son and daughter-in-law, Ernest and Michelle Baker Sr.; son, Robert J. Baker; sisters and brothers-in-law, Evelyn and Peter Merrymen, Mary and Lecom Chuit, and Isabelle and William Davis; and brother and sister-in-law, Seraphim and Melva Stephan Sr.

Mikel Anthony Boire, 39
Mikel Anthony Boire died Sept. 26, 2009, in Wilsonville, Ore. Mr. Boire was born March 22, 1970. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Stephani and David White; father and stepmother, Ken and Nancy Boire; sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Jack Lindersmith; brother, Todd Boire; nephews, Sedale Boire and Zane Lindersmith; half-brother, Andy Gillam; and step-siblings, Katrina Moyer, Cherina Burch and Nathan Beck.

Mary Ann Constantine, 67
Mary Ann Constantine died Oct. 28, 2009, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Constantine was born Sept. 30, 1942. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Linda (McCord) and Daniel Stjern; brother, Kenneth McCord; nieces, Krystal Shane, Gloria, Tina and Annie Constantine, and Kelly McCord; and nephews, Nikander M. Shane Jr., Kristopher and Kameron McCord, and Walter Anderson Jr.

Raymond E. Hart, 55
Raymond E. Hart died Oct. 25, 2009, at home in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Hart was born Feb. 21, 1954, in Dillingham, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Donna Hart; daughter, Jessica Hart Spurgeon; sons, Jeremy, Justin and Jerrid Hart; and stepdaughter, Wendi Jackmon Presley.

Scott P. Keil, 47
Scott P. Keil died Aug. 25, 2009, in Passay City, Philippines. Mr. Keil was born in Anchorage. He is survived by his father, David R. Keil; sisters, Susan Canipe and Holly Keil; and brother, Christopher Keil.

Avis M. Pomerleau, 66
Avis M. Pomerleau died Nov. 13, 2009, at home in Puyallup, Wash. Ms. Pomerleau was born Aug. 20, 1943, in Dillingham, Alaska. She is survived by her son, James B. Pomerleau; and granddaughter, Kelly M. Pomerleau.

Susan M. Prosser, 46
Susan M. Prosser died Oct. 31, 2009, at home in Chugiak, Alaska. Ms. Prosser was born Dec. 8, 1962, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Charlie Cummins; daughters, Leslie Lindley and Kaitlyn Cummins; granddaughters, Marlease DeGrate Lindley and Madison McNeil Lindley; sisters, Gloria Sheehan, Carol Ritter and Joanne Mignano; and brother, Dan Ritter.

Shirley B. Thomas, 76
Shirley B. Thomas died Aug. 22, 2009, at Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, Va. Ms. Thomas was born Aug. 29, 1932, in Richmond, Va. She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey and Timothy Thomas; and brother, William Bass.

Condolences
Alice Ruth Evern, 47
Vida Wik, 79
Andrew Willie, 72

Shareholder/ descendant-owned businesses

CIRI shareholder Elizabeth K. Osterhaus is the new owner of Black Elk Leather, Beads and Stones. Elizabeth has worked for Black Elk for almost 20 years. Black Elk has been in business for over 30 years and is proud to sell to their loyal customers – hobbyists, Alaskan artists, Alaska school districts, Alaska Native corporations and other nonprofit organizations throughout Alaska. Black Elk is a craft-related retail store in Anchorage that sells leather hides and scraps, beads, crystals, stones, feathers, charms, jewelry findings and so much more. Ask for a free catalog!

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