CIRI, Eklutna project wins development award
Birchwood sand, gravel operations recognized for good environmental, economic impact

CIRI and Eklutna Inc’s sand and gravel extraction project on a parcel of land in Birchwood won a Tileston Award. Wilder Construction, a subsidiary of Granite Construction Co. and the contractor carrying out the extraction operations, submitted the project for consideration. The award was presented at the Resource Development Council’s annual luncheon at the Denaina Center in Anchorage on July 21.

Each year, the Tileston Award recognizes businesses or individuals who advance both economic development and environmental stewardship. It is presented on behalf of the Alaska Conservation Alliance and the Resource Development Council. The award is named in honor of long-time Alaskans Peg and Jules Tileston, who had long Alaska careers on opposite ends of the conservation-development spectrum but still managed to compromise and work together.

The sand and gravel extraction began in summer 2009 and is expected to last three summers. The sand and gravel is transported and sold to the Anchorage market via a new railroad.

CIRI to pay third quarter dividend, Elders’ payment

CIRI will mail or direct deposit its third quarter 2010 dividend of $8.53 per share on Thursday, Sept. 30. Shareholders who own 100 shares of stock will receive a third quarter dividend of $853.

The deadline for shareholder address changes for the third quarter dividend is 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Address change forms can be downloaded from CIRI’s website and mailed to CIRI at P.O. Box 95330, Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. Please call the Shareholder Relations Department at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to confirm receipt of the fax.

Shareholders can visit CIRI’s website, www.ciri.com, for dividend, address change, direct deposit or lost and missing dividend information. Shareholders can also call CIRI’s dividend hotline, (907) 263-5100 or toll-free at (800) 764-2475.

CIRI will mail a $450 payment from CIRI’s Irrevocable Elders’ Settlement Trust to original CIRI shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock on Friday, Sept. 10.

CIRI, Alaska Earth Sciences hold UCG-related classes at Tyonek school
Program teaches K–8th grades about geology, extraction and energy development

CIRI and Alaska Earth Sciences (AES) developed and executed a community engagement campaign at the Tebughna School in the Native Village of Tyonek, Alaska. Four AES representatives, Michelle, Meredith, Aspen and Catherine, presented geology, extraction and energy development curriculums, including information related to CIRI and Laurus Energy’s potential underground coal gasification (UCG) project, to 25 students from kindergarten through the 8th grade on Thursday, May 20, during the afternoon school session. Local Tyonek contacts Brandi Staudtfer, the Behavioral Health Aide/Youth Advocate for the Native Village of Tyonek, and Don Fruzen, the Tebughna School Principal, assisted with the development and implementation of the program.

CIRI and Laurus Energy’s UCG project, if built, will be located on CIRI lands on the west side of Cook Inlet. Because Tyonek is the town nearest to the UCG site and because many residents of Tyonek are CIRI shareholders, CIRI has been and will remain committed to open and thorough communication and engagement with Tyonek.
A word from the president

Learning from mistakes provides great opportunity

It has been hard for me to watch the tragedy of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill without feeling a good deal of sadness. I do not, however, lend my voice to the shrill criticism that has been tossed about – wildly at times. Undoubtedly, the effects of the spill will be felt for decades. We all hope that the apparently successful attempt to cap the well will hold until it can be sealed permanently.

While fault and liability have yet to be determined, I cannot help but wonder how much my own lifestyle and political complacency have contributed to the fact that oil and gas exploration is now occurring in deep, inhospitable conditions nearly a mile beneath the sea and more than 45 miles offshore.

Like most other Americans, I have enjoyed the benefit of low-cost energy. We all want cheap energy. As Americans, we have encouraged our leaders, in both parties, to set policies that externalize much of the cost and impact of energy in order to keep prices low. The predictable result is that most of us pay a fraction of the true price of the energy that we use to drive our cars and heat our homes.

In light of recent events, I suggest that we should reconsider our collective responsibility to do better than the status quo. Our country currently has an opportunity to put partisan politics aside and rebalance our national priorities to establish sound energy policies, policies that have a chance to move us toward energy self-sufficiency and, over time, to diminish our reliance on imported fossil fuels. Such an energy policy must recognize the hidden costs of energy production, transportation, use, and waste disposal inherent in each energy resource, including the environmental cost, so that all energy resources are judged on an economically level playing field.

I have four suggestions for a new national energy policy that would help.

First, pass a meaningful renewable portfolio standard, or "RPS," that would require electric utilities to deploy or purchase renewable energy generation to establish a more sustainable energy future. Renewables are resource, including the environmental cost, so that all energy resources are judged on an economically level playing field. Achieving a meaningful level of renewable energy in the national grid will require a significant national commitment to the construction of new transmission and energy storage infrastructure.

Fourth, the federal government must impose mandatory renewable and domestic purchasing requirements for its own energy purchases. The federal government must not ask of everyone what it will not do itself. As the single largest domestic consumer of energy, the federal government can change the marketplace for energy simply by creating and enforcing meaningful policies in its own procurement code.

Many companies, including CIRI, are ready and able to produce energy from a wide variety of alternative energy resources. Developing these alternative energy resources and technologies, combined with more energy conservation, will provide long-term national benefits. New clean tech jobs and technologies that U.S. companies, like CIRI, can export is one benefit. Another huge benefit will be our strengthened national security as we decrease our reliance on foreign energy resources.

Can all of this be done quickly and easily? No. Energy solutions are not simple. As we come to grips with what can be learned from the Gulf oil spill’s impacts on economies and the environment, we have an opportunity to place national focus on this country’s energy needs to develop the national resolve necessary to realize a more sustainable energy future.

The Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico incident is not in and of itself a reason for wholesale change – it is simply a focusing event that highlights the risky, expensive and compromised nature of our current national energy policy. It would be a shame to waste this opportunity to make meaningful change. We can do better, and so we should.

For more information on CIRI energy projects, please go online to www.ciri.com and click on "Projects and News."
Silver Anvil award presented in New York City

SCF wins national public relations award

CIRI Spotlight: Mary Lou Bottorff

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"Arts & Wonder" showcases Native artists, performers

Alaska Native Heritage Center, Target celebrate summer with intertribal gathering

The Alaska Native Heritage Center and Target celebrated summer with an intertribal gathering and Target's national "Arts & Wonder" day on July 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for all Alaska residents and members was free, courtesy of Target.

Featured performers included Native Trails, Pamyua, Tau Dance Theater of Hawaii and Alaska Native and Native American drummers and dancers. The gathering also featured many local Native artists demonstrating and showcasing their art.

Special performances by Native Trails, under the artistic director Derrick Sawaima Davis (Hopi/Choctaw) represented a variety of First Nations from across North America. The Tau Dance Theater, a modern dance theater company from Honolulu, fused both traditional Native Hawaiian dance with contemporary western dance genres. Peter Rockford Espiritu, founding director, was one of seven dancers presenting this unique traditional/contemporary performance art. Alaska's own Native American Music Award winner Pamyua also performed.

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

Upcoming events at the Heritage Center

Kid's Day - Aug. 2
World Music Celebration - Oct. 9
Intertribal Gathering - Nov. 13
Holiday Bazaar - Dec. 4 and 11

Tyonek school continued from cover

The engagement campaign curriculum was reorganized into classes for different age groups, and lessons were designed by the volunteers to be age-appropriate.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Michelle worked with 11 students in this age group and started with a poster describing the different applications of minerals people use every day. This presentation was followed with a rock and mineral display provided by Alaska Resource Education Fund. The display gives students the opportunity to see tangible examples of minerals and rocks that people use and encounter in their everyday lives as well as a discussion about what a geologist does. The "Paste with a Taste" exercise was next, which involved making toothpaste from calcium carbonate (Tums) and sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) to demonstrate the principle of minerals in use every day.

The next activity was "Mine a Cookie" which allowed the students to use their "tool" (toothpick) to extract "minerals" (dried fruit) from the "ground" (cookie). This exercise demonstrated how one project may result in multiple resources that can be extracted and how a geologist would sort and catalog the results.

The program closed with a book about mining and geology from the Magic Bus series and used the mineral display as a reference to bring the information together.

3rd to 5th grade

Meredith worked with 10 students in this grade range. The program started with a description of an agate. Agate is commonly found on beaches from Beluga to Tyonek and is something everyone in the class had looked for. Meredith used this to transition to "Jelly Belly Identification," which is an exercise that uses an evaluation of color, spots and other features to try to identify the flavor of the jelly bean. Next, the group moved to the "My Rock" exercise, which involved rock identification using similar techniques learned in the jelly bean exercise. Finally, pairs of students received two rocks to describe. Using the description they developed, the rocks were referenced to a rock identification sheet. The group looked at minerals and discussed the rock cycle, including some specific discussions about UCG.

Junior High

Catherine and Aspen teamed up to work with the junior high students. Much of the focus with this group was on fossils and energy sources. They discussed energy sources, including the fact that coal is such a predominant energy source. Coal is ahead of oil and gas in the top five energy sources, though the students were surprised it was at the top of the list. They also talked about solar and wind power, which are also in the top five energy sources. The potential UCG project was discussed, including the methods used to extract the energy and the key issues to be aware of during the exploration and site selection phase of this type of project. Students were interested in having another session in the fall when they return to school.

Each of the sessions included a discussion about geology careers and what you do with a geology degree as well as questions about travel and salaries. Many questions were asked about resources in the Tyonek area and students were interested in and had good questions about subsistence, water and the in-situ gasification process.

The curriculum and the visit were positively received and the interaction with the students was enjoyable, with students receptive to learning about the information presented. CIRI and AES hope to participate again and have an opportunity to provide a project update during the upcoming academic year.
Shareholder/descendant-owned business

Reginald B. Leslie Jr. was born in 1968 in Anchorage at ANS Hospital and is an original CIRI enrollee. Reggie has been a high school All-American athlete, a professional baseball player for the past 22 years, and a coach. He has been playing professional baseball and coaching for the Baltimore Orioles in California, Maryland, and Virginia. He is currently playing for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Art of Baseball

For the past 22 years, he has been playing professional baseball and coaching for teams such as the San Diego Padres, Milwaukee Brewers, Cincinnati Reds, and the Baltimore Orioles. Reggie plans to return to Alaska to provide baseball camps for young Alaska Natives and other interested youths. The camps are called “The Art of Baseball.”

Baby Carson

CIRI descendant Carson Wangnild was welcomed into this world on May 5 in Fort Collins, Colo. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Carson’s parents are CIRI shareholder Brenda Wangnild and Dan Wangnild. He is the grandson of the late CIRI shareholder David Osolkoff and the great-grandson of the late CIRI shareholder Joe Osolkoff.

Lake Lucille wedding

CIRI shareholder Sharon Padilla is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Sarah Dallas to Clifton Fox. Sarah is the granddaughter of the late Virginia Nickita Call of Knik, Alaska. The wedding took place at Lake Lucille in Wasilla, Alaska, on June 13. The bridesmaids included Mae Mendenhall and Stephanie Peterkin. Flower girl Aniya Helene Booker, great-granddaughter of the late Olga Nickita, captured everyone’s hearts.

Sarah is a Dimond High graduate and attends the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She is employed as a dental assistant at Southcentral Foundation’s Dental Clinic. Clifton Fox is an Airport High graduate from Columbia, S.C. He has served in the U.S. Air Force and completed a tour in Iraq. He is currently serving in the Alaska Air National Guard. Clifton also attends UAA and will complete his Bachelor of Science in Geology in 2011. He is employed by the Bureau of Land Management as a SCEP geologist. Mr. and Mrs. Fox will reside in Anchorage.

Lower 48 partnership

CIRI shareholder Allison Knox recently signed a contractor agreement between her company, AK Communications & Consulting, and Agency MABU, a marketing and advertising agency headquartered in Bismarck, N.D. AK Communications & Consulting specializes in providing public relations, marketing and media relations and is located in Anchorage. Currently, Agency MABU works with several government clients including the U.S. Army, Indian Health Service, and the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition to its headquarters in Bismarck, Agency MABU has affiliated consultants in Arizona, Colorado, California, Maryland, and Virginia.

Andrews wins July Stock Will prize

Jessica Emily Andrews won the July 2010 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 website 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.
Condolences

Polly Goozmer, 85
Polly Goozmer died Jan. 24 in Anchorage. Ms. Goozmer was born in Old Tyonek, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Doss, Kathy Smith, Annabell Goozmer, Marie Allowan and Edna Brown; sons, Alfred, Glen and Thomas Goozmer; sister, Clara Chuit; and brother, Lawrence Chuit.

Art James Kelly Sr., 66
Art James Kelly Sr. died May 22 at home in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Kelly was born in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Kelly; children, Art Jr., Allen and Danielle Kelly; grandson, Mehari Reda; sisters, June Hardy and Lavonna Horseman; and brother, Nick Kelly Jr.

Terry (Sam) Lee Osterkamp, 53
Terry (Sam) Lee Osterkamp died June 5 in Fairfield, Calif. Mr. Osterkamp was born March 18, 1957, in Albert Lee, Minn. He is survived by his daughter, Karrá Osterkamp; son, Andrew Osterkamp; granddaughter, Kailah Osterkamp; grandson, Tyler Osterkamp; four brothers and two sisters.

Condolences

Robert Scott Davis, 35
Clayton Thomas Outwater, 52
Jeffery Lynn Shall, 68
Joseph A. Simmonds, 55
James Murphy Williams, 73

CIRI Foundation president appointed to regional education commission

Susan Anderson to serve on Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education

Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell appointed Susan Anderson to the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education on July 20. Anderson is a CIRI shareholder and the president and chief executive officer of The CIRI Foundation.

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education develops and disseminates information for higher education planning and provides access and opportunity for students to share in higher education resources in 15 western U.S. states. The commission carries out student exchange programs, regional initiatives and events and research and policy work. The commission was created in 1953 and is located in Boulder, Colo.

In addition to her work with The CIRI Foundation, Anderson is the co-chair of the ANCSA Education Consortium and the chair of Best Beginnings, and she serves on the board of the Friends of the Alaska Children’s Trust. Anderson served as a contractor for the Sealaska Heritage Foundation and Kake Tribal Corp. In addition, she was a member of the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska Natural History Association. Anderson also serves on the United Way of Anchorage board of directors and is a trustee for the University of Alaska Foundation.

The CIRI Foundation is a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organization that encourages the education and career development of Alaska Natives by providing scholarships and grants for post-secondary education. Learn more about the foundation at www.thecirifoundation.org.