

Dear Mr. Willens and Mr. Rees:

My name is Ashley Ingram. I'm writing to follow up on a previous email from Congressman Richard Pombo of Gavel Resources (I've listed below). I know the Congressman would like to discuss the Pebble Partnership Project in Alaska in person with The Deputy Secretary. Do you have any availability to meet with him after the holidays in January? Also, on the 18th and 19th, Pebble CEO Tom Collier will be in town and can join the meeting too, if that's an option.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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**Previous Correspondence:**

David,

I hope this note finds you well. It is exciting to see all the actions and policy developments you and the others are implementing at The Department of the Interior. You all are making great progress and I look forward to seeing all the changes that you have planned come to fruition.

I'm reaching out today to set up a meeting with you on behalf of the Pebble Partnership, LLP, regarding a couple issues they have relevant to the department. As you know, Pebble is a large mineral (copper, gold, moly) deposit in a very remote part of southwestern Alaska—about 200 miles from Bristol Bay---on state lands designated for mineral development. A couple years ago the EPA used a little known provision of the Clean Water Act, called 404c, to veto the project before they applied for a permit...and before they even announced a mine plan.

Fortunately, the EPA, without admitting fault, is now going forth to correct the situation to allow for the normal permitting process to take place by initiating steps to withdraw its 'Proposed Determination' restricting development at the Pebble Project.

In light of this development, on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Pebble Project introduced a new mine plan with enhanced environmental safeguards that are close to the EPA's most stringent mark for such a mine. This plan is smaller in scope and its footprint and operating plan is very different from any of the previously discussed and analyzed proposals.

The Pebble Partnership looks forward to proving it can produce an environmentally responsible resource development project that respects cultural values and develops

economic opportunities for Southwest Alaska.

As Pebble moves forward toward the NEPA process, there are a couple issues we'd like to discuss with you in person. Attending the meeting with me would be Peter Robinson of the Pebble Partnership team who is based here in DC. Please let me know your availability for such a meeting.

Thank you for consideration of this request.