

Northern Dynasty: Alaska voters elect pro-development State Governor Mike Dunleavy

Anti-Pebble Ballot Measure 1 goes down to defeat

November 7, 2018 Vancouver– Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. (TSX: NDM; NYSE MKT: NAK) ("Northern Dynasty" or the "Company") reports that with 98% of precincts reporting, Alaska voters in a November 6, 2018 state-wide election have elected a new Governor, Republican Mike Dunleavy.

A former State Senator, Governor-elect Dunleavy is a strong proponent of encouraging investment and responsible development of the state's natural resources to address the significant fiscal and economic challenges facing Alaska. In electing Dunleavy, Alaska voters rejected the candidacy of a Democratic challenger who opposed development of the Pebble Project.

Dunleavy has stated that permitting decisions about resource development proposals in Alaska, including the Pebble Project, should be based on objective science and comprehensive reviews led by expert state and federal regulatory agencies.

In the key US Congressional House Representative election, incumbent Republican Don Young was the winner.

Alaska voters on November 6 also rejected Ballot Measure 1, known as the Stand For Salmon initiative, which would have fundamentally re-written the state's regulatory framework and habitat protections for anadromous fish, and was positioned by its supporters as a vote against the Pebble Project.

The anti-resource development initiative was opposed by a broad coalition of Alaskans who coalesced behind the Stand for Alaska campaign to defeat Ballot Measure 1, including resource companies and other business interests, community and political leaders, individuals, and a majority of Alaska Native regional corporations. With 98% of precincts reporting, more than 60% of Alaska voters had cast ballots in opposition to Ballot Measure 1.

About Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd.

Northern Dynasty is a mineral exploration and development company based in Vancouver, Canada. Northern Dynasty's principal asset, owned through its wholly-owned Alaska-based US subsidiary Pebble Limited Partnership and other wholly-owned subsidiaries, is a 100% interest in a contiguous block of 2,402 mineral claims in southwest Alaska, including the Pebble deposit. The Pebble Partnership is the proponent of the Pebble Project, an initiative to develop one of the world's most important mineral resources.

For further details on Northern Dynasty and the Pebble Project, please visit the Company's website at www.northerndynastyminerals.com or contact Investor services at (604) 684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114. Review Canadian public filings at www.sedar.com and US public filings at www.sec.gov.

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