## **Doyon Oil & Gas Exploration** *Nenana Basin, Alaska*

### Senate Oil and Gas Exploration Tax Credit Working Group

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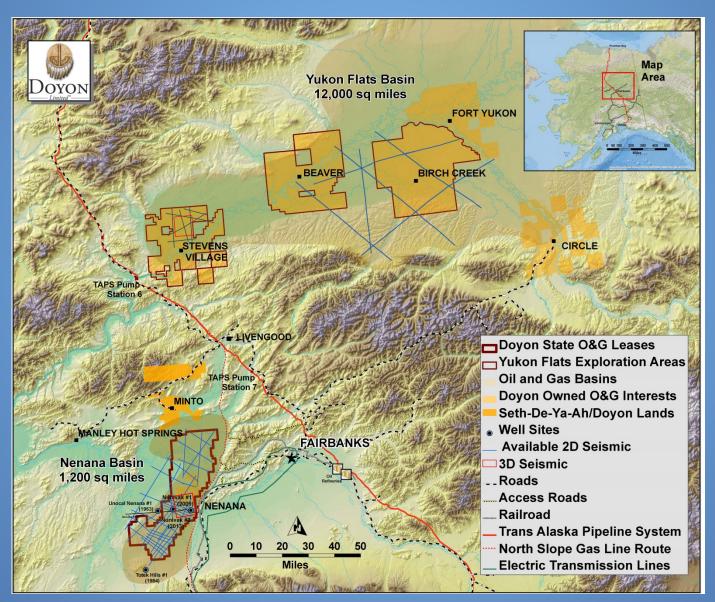
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## **General Discussion Topics**

- Advanced state of Doyon's frontier exploration efforts at Nenana for <u>both</u> oil and gas, including new drilling and seismic in 2016
- Success case goals, including
  - Oil into TAPS
  - Early shipper into AKLNG line
  - Pipeline gas to Fairbanks
- Critical role of State exploration credits to our efforts

#### Nenana/Minto and Yukon Flats Basins Very Similar Geologically



## **Early Exploration History**

- Prior efforts by
  - Exxon and Amoco (Yukon Flats) 1980s
  - Shell (Nenana) 1980s
  - ARCO Alaska (Nenana) 1980s
  - Union (Nenana) 1960s
- Seismic, shallow drilling (Nenana only), other studies
- <u>All focused on oil</u>
- Most heritage data licensed for use by Doyon

### **Doyon Nenana Basin Land Tenure**

- 400,000 acres+ of State oil and gas leases
  - Primary terms expire end of 2019-2021
  - We pay \$1.2 million/year in rentals to State
- 43,000 acres of Doyon ANCSA subsurface ownership near Nenana
- 9,500 acre Mental Health Trust lands lease
- Contrast—over 1.5 million acres of Doyon owned oil and gas interests in 3 sub basins in Yukon Flats

#### **Recent Doyon Efforts-Nenana/Minto**

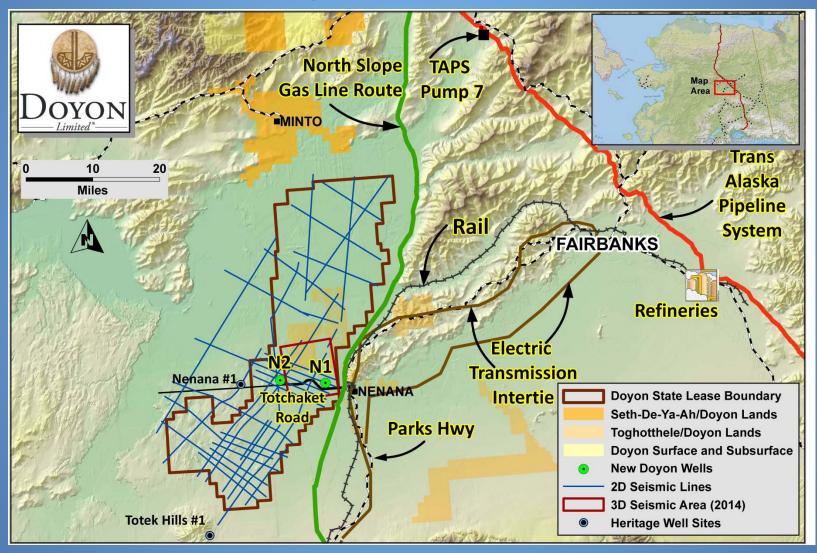
#### • Drilling and 2D seismic programs (2005-2013)

- <u>Demonstrated active hydrocarbon system</u>
  - Thick sections of "wet" gas through drill bit in 2013
- Multiple TCF gas and billion barrel oil potential
  - Basin-wide modeling
- Constructed new public ROW access
  - All weather road benefitting local forestry, agriculture and recreation

#### • 3D seismic fall 2014

- 2+ drill prospects in 52 square mile block
  - Only 30,000 acres out of 450,000 acres of promise in basin
  - Repeatable throughout basin

#### Nenana/Minto Basin Area Plus Regional Infrastructure



### **Current Assessment and Plans**

- Significantly de-risked basin via Doyon efforts
  - 1 in 2 chance of commercial gas discovery next well
    1 in 4 chance for oil
- Doyon Board sanctioned new well in central basin 3D area for summer 2016
  - Success estimates in one of four targets in 3D area
    - Oil: Mean case of 70 million bbls of oil recoverable
    - Gas: Mean case of 200 Bcf of gas recoverable
- New 2D seismic sanctioned in northern deepwinter 2016

Better define areas of interest from 2012 seismic

# **Doyon Strategic Objectives**

- Establish a new industry in Interior Alaska
- Create new markets and profits for Doyon companies and others—oil and/or gas
  - Help grow current significant Doyon presence in oil field support industry
- Provide new opportunities for local businesses, including nearby village corporations
- Increase shareholder and other local hire and training opportunities
- Broaden local and state tax bases

# Nenana/Minto Oil Discovery Goals

- Delivery to TAPS—North Pole or Pump 7
  - Oil discovery drives current exploration
  - Modest start-up minimum economic field size (for Alaska) 15 million bbls to 50 million bbls, dependent on oil price and scale of development
  - Opportunities for at least several fields of this scale
  - Transport by truck, rail or feeder pipeline
- Proof of concept for oil should trigger
  - Ramped up exploration at Nenana and
  - Renewal of exploration in larger Yukon Flats basin

#### Nenana/Minto Gas Discovery Goals

- Deliver gas to AKLNG line as early shipper
   Route adjacent to Doyon leases
- Long term propane supplier to rural communities in Interior Alaska

Barge and truck from Nenana

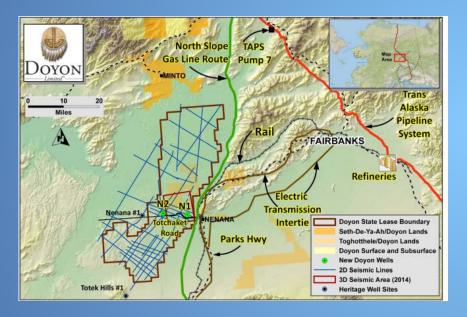
• Long term natural gas supplier to Fairbanks

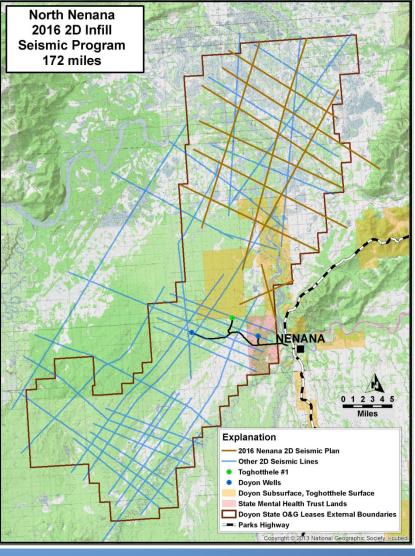
## **Exploration Seismic 2016**

#### • 2D Seismic Survey Winter 2016

- Northern deep—partly in Minto Flats
  - Follow up on 2012 program in same area
  - Not connected to summer 2016 drilling in central basin
- Up to 172 line miles; helicopter supported
- Permitting and seismic contractor selected
  - SAExploration
- Objective: identify areas that are drill targets in 2-3 years
  - Likely will need a 3D seismic survey in 2017 or 2018 before drilling in northern area

#### Winter 2016 2D Seismic



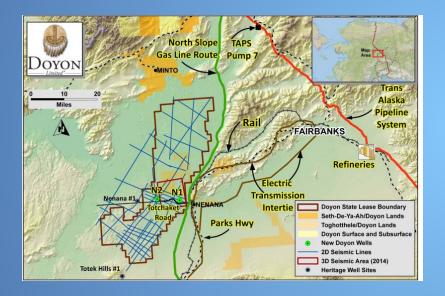


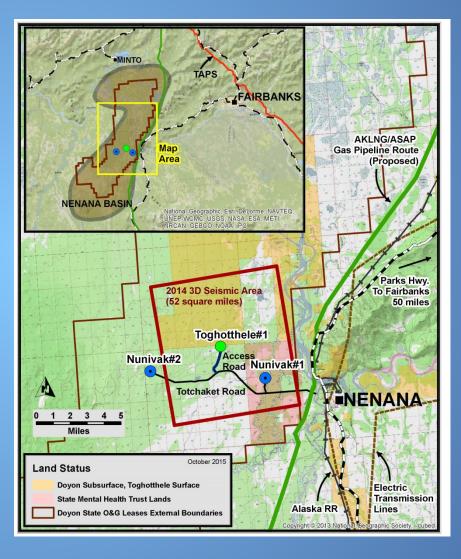
# **Exploration Drilling 2016**

#### • Drill in summer 2016

- Near Nenana and existing wells
  - About 2 miles off existing Totchaket road system
- Winter road construction
- 10,000 ft. vertical depth objective
- Permitting and procurement underway
  - Doyon Drilling Arctic Fox
  - Multiple local contractors and service providers
- Objective
  - Commercial quantities of conventional oil and gas

#### Summer 2016 Well





## State Exploration Credits Doyon Perspective

- Credits have been critical to Doyon's ongoing success
   Will be key to upcoming drilling and seismic campaigns
- State is our "partner"
  - "investment" returns via royalties and production taxes
  - data share
- Local economic stimulus—companies and hire
- Credits generated in Interior are small compared to other parts of state
- Credits stay here and are re-invested here
- Uncertainty over future of credit programs chills new investor interest

# **Exploration Credits and Doyon**

- Confusing array of applicable statutory provisions
- Some are "Middle Earth" specific which we don't use or only use in part
- For <u>drilling</u>, we now use the AS 43.55.023 suite of credits adding up to about 65% of allowed expenses
  - <u>same credits used by Cook Inlet explorers</u>
  - no sunset and money comes back much faster compared to other credits
- For <u>seismic</u> not in a unit (none at Nenana), we use a combination of
  - AS 43.55.025(a) exploration incentive credit (40%) which sunsets in 2022 plus
  - AS 43.55.023(b) carry forward loss (25%) which has no current sunset
  - Note: AS 43.55.025(a) exploration incentive credit sunsets for Middle Earth in 2022, all others in 2016
- We do not use "frontier" credits under AS 43.55.025(m) to drill
  - Middle Earth only
  - Theoretical 80% for drilling costs
  - Limited number of programs which sunset in June 2016

# **Doyon Credits Use Summary**

- Nenana basin 2005-2014
  - 3 seismic surveys, 2 wells total, other geoscience, including:
    - 100% Doyon owned---1 well, 2 seismic surveys (2012-2015)
    - 60% Doyon owned---1 well (2009)
    - 30% Doyon owned---1 seismic survey (2005)
  - Doyon gross spend: \$68MM
  - State credits: \$43MM or 63% of Doyon expenses
- Nenana basin 2016
  - 1 seismic survey (winter) and 1 well (summer)
  - Estimated gross spend by Doyon at \$30MM-\$35MM
  - Estimated State credits at 63% is \$19MM to \$22MM
- Doyon gross spend 2005-2016 (estimate)
  - \$98MM-\$103MM
- Doyon net spend 2005-2016 (net of tax credit rebates-estimate)
  - \$36MM-\$39MM
- State credits rebates to Doyon 2005-2016 (estimate)
  - \$62MM-\$65MM
  - Add perhaps another \$5MM rebated to early co-venturers

## **Local Hire and Local Vendors**

- Over 30 local groups will provide services for our 2016 programs
- Over 150 people will be directly employed

- Examples of local vendors we use
  - Cruz Construction
  - Fairweather
  - Brice Construction
  - Olgoonik
  - OIT, Inc.
  - Toghotthele (Nenana village corporation)
  - Minto Development Corp. (village corp.)
  - Nenana Heating
  - Owl Ridge Natural Resource Consultants
  - Arctic Contracting (village corp. JV)
  - PenAir
  - Petrotechnical Resources Alaska
  - Peak Oilfield Services
  - Recon LLC
  - Pioneer Wells
  - Doyon Drilling
  - Doyon Universal Services
  - Doyon Remote Services
  - Wright Air
  - City of Nenana

### **Alaska's Investment Returns**

- Simple royalty math if oil discovery in 2016 for Doyon mean case in a <u>single</u> trap:
   – 70MM bbls x \$60/bbl x 12.5% = \$525,000,000
- Plus production taxes, lease rentals, property taxes and possible gas royalties
- Repeatable opportunities throughout basin

#### **Questions?**

