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Drilling has cut gold-copper porphyry mineralization at two separate centers on Island Mountain, one of numerous prospects and deposits identified at the Whistler copper-gold project in Southcentral Alaska.

Kiska agrees to sell Whistler for C\$1.6M

Kiska Metals Corp. July 21 reported the signing of a binding agreement to sell its Whistler copper-gold project to Brazil Resources Inc. Under the purchase agreement, Brazil Resources will issue Kiska 3.5 million shares in exchange for full ownership of Whistler, including the mining claims and other assets belonging to the project. Brazil Resources' shares were trading at C46 cents per share on the Toronto Venture Exchange on July 21, making the deal worth roughly C\$1.61 million. The Brazil Resources shares will be subject to resale restrictions providing for the release of 25 percent of the shares every five months after the closing of the deal. Additionally, Brazil Resources has agreed to pay Kiska C\$10,000 a month to provide certain ongoing support and maintenance services in respect of the Whistler Project for 15 months following closing of the transaction. Kiska President Grant Ewing said, "This transaction greatly increases the company's flexibility going forward. Kiska will no longer incur any holding or exploration costs, and it retains excellent carried participation in the future upside of the Whistler Project and other projects through its shareholding in BRI." Whistler comprises 304 mining claims blanketing roughly 65 square miles of gold-copper prospective lands in Southcentral Alaska. The Whistler property is anchored by its namesake deposit, which was discovered by Cominco Alaska in the late 1980s

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A feasibility study completed in 2011 outlines a mine at Donlin Gold that would average roughly 1.1 million ounces of gold annually over a 27-year mine life.

Building Donlin Gold?

Partners say gold price, market conditions will dictate construction decision

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The 40-million-ounce Donlin Gold project is more than midway through a roughly five-year permitting process, but gold prices are dipping to lows not seen in nearly five and a half years and trending downward.

Will project owners Barrick Gold Corp. and Novagold Resources Inc. be willing to pull the trigger on development once the hard-earned permits are in hand?

The Donlin Gold partners say it depends on where gold prices are headed and what the equity

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costs are for raising the capital needed to develop the world-class mine in Alaska.

"Any decision to proceed with development ... will depend on the (Donlin Gold) project meeting Barrick's minimum hurdle rate which will depend in large part on the prevailing gold prices and market conditions," Barrick inked in its 2014 annual report published in March.

Neither Donlin partner has put a number to the minimum gold price required for moving ahead with development of the 1.1-million-ounce-per-year gold

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