



## ALASKA STEEL COMPANY

has entered into a  
joint venture agreement  
with



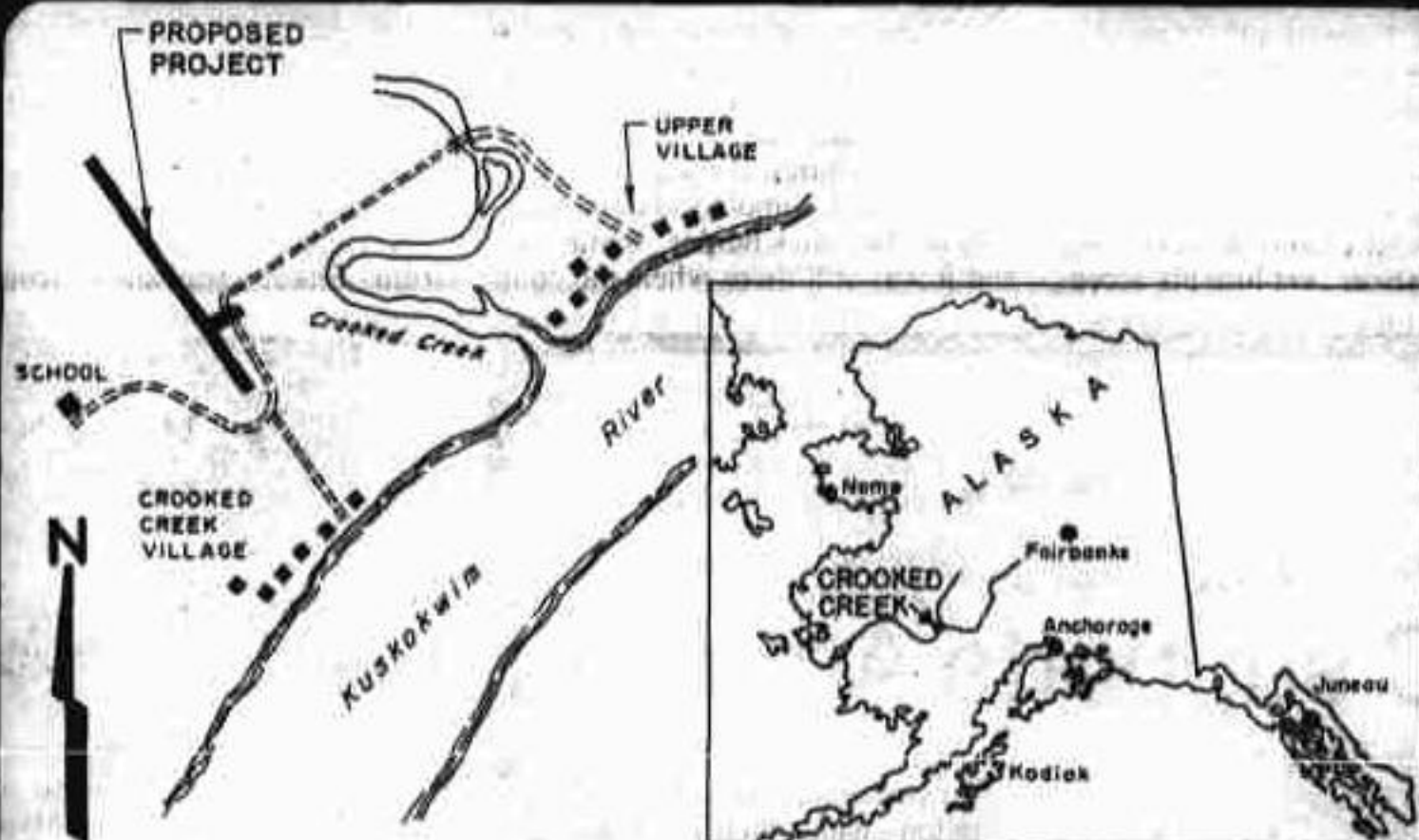
## PACIFIC METAL COMPANY

to provide for the sale of  
Pacific Metal's products in the  
State of Alaska north of Yakutat.

Local inventories of aluminum, galvanized steel,  
stainless steel and other products distributed by  
Pacific Metal will be maintained at the following  
locations:

1200 West Dowling Road, Anchorage, 561-1188  
Mile 40.5 Parks Hwy., Wasilla, 376-6456  
3540 Royal Road, Fairbanks, 456-2719  
205 Trading Bay Road, Kenai, 283-3880

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### NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES and NOTICE OF WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAIN INVOLVEMENT

Crooked Creek Airport  
State Project No. 56897

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies for proposed improvements to the Crooked Creek airport, located in southwestern Alaska near the confluence of Crooked Creek and the Kuskokwim River. This project is necessary to improve the safety of aircraft operation.

The proposed improvements include extending the existing runway 380 feet to the north and 100 feet to the south. The runway would be widened 20 feet along its west side, and resurfaced. A 150-foot by 250-foot apron would be constructed, and the existing access road would be realigned east of the new apron. A 50- by 50-foot building pad would also be constructed on the eastern side of the apron. Either the existing equipment storage building would be moved onto the new pad, or a new building pad would be constructed. A motor grader with snowplow attachment would be purchased.

An existing culvert has settled, and no longer allows water to flow eastward beneath the airstrip. Resultant ponding west of the airstrip creates a frost heave problem hazardous to aircraft operation. To correct this problem, ADOT&PF proposes to build a ditch along the western margin of the airstrip to direct drainage southward into the swamp near the existing access road.

Most of the airport expansion would occur within wetlands. This involvement is unavoidable since wetlands predominantly surround the existing airstrip. A U.S. Army Section 404 permit would be obtained for this work.

A gravel bar located in the floodplain of the Kuskokwim River approximately 1.8 miles upstream from the village of Crooked Creek is being considered as a materials source. ADOT&PF would obtain a U.S. Army Section 10 permit and an Alaska Department of Fish and Game Title 16 permit if this materials source is used.

Acquisition of a small amount of additional right-of-way would be necessary at the northern end of the airstrip. No relocations would result from this acquisition.

To ensure that all factors are considered in the design of the proposal, your comments are requested. Comments should be submitted by May 20, to the following address. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Monica O'Keefe, ADOT&PF Environmental Analyst, or Jerry Rueshle, Environmental Team Leader, at 266-1511.

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