

Chugach Natives Inc. to Operate Tug and Barge for Pipeline

ANCHORAGE — Chugach Natives, Inc., through an agreement with Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., will supply tug and barge service for lightering operations at Valdez.

The Southcentral Alaska Native corporation will operate a tug and 203-foot-long, 300-ton-capacity barge between the Valdez city dock and the marine terminal site for the trans-Alaska pipeline. The marine terminal site is to be located across the

port of Valdez.

The service will be used to transport terminal construction material unloaded from ocean-going vessels at the city dock for shipment across the two-mile wide port. An all-Native crew will operate the tug, initially scheduled to run six days a week, 10 hours a day.

Alyeska is the firm responsible for design, construction and operation of the pipeline system.