Solar Panels Producing Energy for BSNC Building

During this past winter, 96 solar panels were installed on the BSNC Building and started producing electricity when put on line in mid March. The BSNC Board of Directors had asked staff to start looking into alternative energy saving options back in 2006 to help offset the increasing cost of oil and electricity.

The cost of electricity for business has gone up significantly over the last couple of years, to 29 cents per kilowatt hour in Nome. The BSNC solar panels are projected to offset 10% to 15% of the building’s electricity cost each year.

“It’s not going to take us off the grid, but it will help,” said Jerald Brown, Vice President of BSNC. The payback period for installing the solar panels is estimated at about 12 years and the panels have a 25 year warranty with a projected 40 year life. If the cost of electricity continues to rise, the payback period will decrease.

Brown said, “BSNC owns other ~continued on page 5
Springtime in northwestern Alaska is always welcome, especially after the long winter...days are longer, the sun seems to shine brighter, and new life and animals start showing up all over the brown tundra. It is also the time of the year when BSNC ends its financial reporting year on March 31st. It won’t be long after that when each shareholder will receive a financial report showing the previous year’s activities. The report will also announce the date of the next annual meeting.

In reflection, this past year has been very exciting for BSNC. In February, the BSNC Board received the first of a series of planned trainings on fiduciary duties, roles and responsibilities, and financial planning and analysis, and also reviewed the BSNC Bylaws. A number of changes to the Bylaws were approved by the Board in our April meeting, and these changes will be reported to shareholders in the proxy mailings prior to the next board election. Because of one of the changes adopted by the Board, for the first time our annual meeting will be held outside of the Bering Straits region. The Board elected to hold this year’s annual meeting in Anchorage. We have more shareholders that live in Anchorage than in any other single community, both within and outside of Alaska. We expect to have one of our best turn outs for this historic meeting.

As your President, I plan to deliver a shorter version of the reports we give at the annual meetings to each member community in the Bering Straits region. I plan to publish a schedule of those travels at our next annual meeting. After trying out an “informational” meeting in Anchorage in 2006 and Seattle in 2007, and after seeing how much shareholders appreciate BSNC giving them special recognition, it was easy to extend that type of meetings to all of our member villages in the region. I look forward to them and will ask each village corporation to help arrange these meetings.

Although it is too early now to announce any financial results from FY 2007, we at the Board level can state that we had another record year in revenue and profits. The auditors are currently reviewing all of our financial records. Our government contracting revenues will show a huge increase, as will the income from the “sharing” provisions of the Claims Act called Section 7(i) and 7(j), the latter being ½ of the 7(i) funds which are distributed to village corporations and “at-large” shareholders who are not enrolled to a village corporation.

We are expecting another growth year for April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. We expect to see our new tractor side-dump trucks start their work for Alaska Gold in Nome. We expect continued growth of income from the Aurora Inn Hotel, and all of our subsidiaries, especially those that have work with the Rock Creek Mine. Please look forward to hearing more about our growing activities with mining, including an educational process about mining in Alaska. We on the Board of Directors hope that each of you will have a wonderful and prosperous summer.
In May of 2008 BSNC and Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC) partnered to build the first commercial wind farm in Nome. Currently, the city of Nome gets 100% of its power from diesel generation. The windmills will decrease the usage of diesel and as the price of oil continues to rise, they will help to reduce energy costs for Nome residents.

The wind farm will consist of eighteen (18) Entegrity EW-15 wind generators. The wind farm will provide a rated 900 kW of power with a maximum output of 1,170 kW to the Nome Joint Utility electric grid over a 20 year extendable project time frame. Instead of selling the energy at the full avoided cost rate, BSNC/SNC have committed to selling the energy at a fixed or floating price below the avoided cost calculation. Selling the energy at a rate below avoided costs will provide savings to the utility to help lower the energy costs in the Nome area and provide some energy produced locally that is not dependent on imported oil.

The revenues from the wind farm will be shared equally between BSNC and SNC.

BSNC has further agreed to dedicate 50% of its profits from the wind farm to development of renewable energy projects in the villages it serves with the goal to ultimately add wind energy or other forms of alternative energy to all of the villages in the region. Providing for renewable energy projects in villages should help reduce the dependency on oil in those locations where oil must be flown or barged in and will ultimately reduce energy rates in those locations. Having a base in Nome will also allow us to provide support for projects throughout the region.

Overall, the wind farm is budgeted to provide a cash and tax credit based revenue stream of over $15 million, provide jobs and keep money working in the community while increasing overall power generation reliability by producing it locally.

Bonneville Environmental Foundation has agreed to purchase the “Renewable Energy Credits (REC)” from the project, which will help to allow the energy to be sold at a discount.

### GGI and Millrock Sign Exploration Agreement for Mining

BSNC is pleased to announce a new partner in the exploration for minerals in the Bering Straits/Norton Sound areas. Millrock Resources, LLC and Golden Glacier, Inc. (GGI), BSNC’s subsidiary, recently signed an agreement that allows Millrock to explore lands in the Council, Bluff, and Ungalik/Christmas Mountain area. Millrock is working with the villages of White Mountain, Shaktoolik, and Council to secure surface access rights. Millrock also has interests in the Divide area which they will also be exploring this summer. The agreement is a 5 year exploration agreement, during which time Millrock has the option to enter into a lease for the development of a mine within the area of interest. In addition to the annual payments to GGI for the exploration rights, Millrock will contribute to the Bering Straits Foundation’s scholarship fund. Millrock’s press release is available at: http://millrockresources.com/index.php/news/millrock_announces_exploration_agreement_with_bering_straits_native_corpora

GGI continues work with the Alaska Gold Company (AGC) and is finalizing an exploration agreement for a large tract of lands surrounding the Rock Creek Mine. Sitnasuak Native Corporation has already entered into a surface use agreement with AFC for these lands. Like Millrock, AGC will contribute annually to the Bering Straits Foundation scholarship fund.

In other mining news, AGC anticipates that the Rock Creek project will begin gold production in the coming weeks, slowly gearing up to full production as the summer progresses.
Bering Straits Aerospace Services, LLC (BSAS) was awarded a small business set aside contract for Transient Alert and Aircraft Wash Rack Services (TAWR) for the U.S. Air Force 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Northwest Florida Facilities Management (NFFM), a local company incorporated and serving in Florida since 1987 as a Small Disadvantaged Business, performs as a subcontractor.

The contract began March 1, 2008, and will run, with all options, until November 30, 2012. We are happy to welcome the TAWR crew to the BSNC family. BSAS has hired Mr. Myron R. Maier, a retired USAF CMSGT with over 30 years of aircraft maintenance experience, as the TAWR Contract Manager.

**Transient Alert Services.** BSAS performs aircraft arrival and departure services and processing services such as oil sampling on fighter aircraft, re-fueling and de-fueling, spill containment, hydraulic fluid and oil waste disposal, and securing of aircraft. Transient aircraft services include ground handling, marshalling, installation/ removal of landing gear safety plus, inspecting for hot brakes, utilizing ground chocks, ground wires, positioning and operation of Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) and fire suppression equipment, and placing staircases and assisting air crews as required.

**Aircraft Wash Services.** We perform aircraft wash services consisting of preparing, washing, lubing, and performing after wash corrosion inspection on all assigned aircraft, with the ability to perform three concurrent washes at three different sites: Hurlburt Field, Eglin AFB, and Duke Field.

Congressman Don Young and wife Lu were in Nome for the start of the 100th Anniversary of the All Alaskan Sweepstakes Race from Nome to Candle and back. Congressman Young met with the Bering Straits Leadership Team and provided an update on funding allocations for the Bering Straits region including requests for the Shishmaref erosion project, NSHC’s new hospital, and the Beringia Museum of Culture & Science that Kawerak is facilitating.
How to Save $$ on Your Electric Bill

Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Turn off your computer, television, and other electronics when not in use.

Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120˚F.

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Many appliances continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off. These “phantom” loads occur in most appliances that use electricity, such as VCRs, televisions, stereos, computers, and kitchen appliances. In the average home, 75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off. This can be avoided by unplugging the appliance or using a power strip and using the switch on the power strip to cut all power to the appliance.

Install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads.

Want to learn more? Go to www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/

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buildings in Nome and will strongly consider additional solar power to the building if this project goes well.”

BSNC is also looking at other renewable energy projects other than solar panels. BSNC has started retrofitting the lighting system and installing energy efficient light bulbs in the BSNC Building. Replacing incandescent bulbs with CFL (compact fluorescent lights) can decrease lighting energy. BSNC projects that by changing the lighting system in the BSNC Building it will reduce costs by as much as 25%, according to Brown.

BSNC is also in the preliminary stages in working with Sitnasuak Native Corporation on a windmill project. This project has the potential to reduce reliance on diesel-powered electricity for the whole community of Nome.

Want to see how much energy the solar panels are producing?
Go to http://solarweb.fronius.com.
User name: bsncuser
Password: alaska

Students from the Bering Straits School District listening to a presentation by Jerald Brown on the solar panels that were recently installed on the BSNC Building in Nome.
L-R: Jean Kearney, Arvid Franzen, Lisa Storm, and Sonja Main. Arvid is holding the book “The Native People of Alaska” by Dr. Steve J. Langdon and his mother Avitniya is pictured on the front cover with her eldest child Hilda. Hilda’s daughters are Jean and Sonja, and Lisa is Hilda’s granddaughter.

L-R: Catherine Williams, Peggy A. Hoogendorn, Julia Foster, Homer E. Hoogendorn, and Roy Ashenfelter

Muriel Hagberg Carmer speaks to the shareholders as her daughter Allison Schmidt stands by her.

L-R: Anita Armstrong Davis, Wanda Rutledge, Tom Armstrong, and Anthony Armstrong with their mother Gladys Armstrong.

L-R: Caroline Brown, Grace Penatac-Bouse, and Roberta von Reichbauer
Please complete the form below and mail to BSNC, Shareholder Department, Box 1008, Nome, AK 99762. If you know of a deceased BSNC shareholder, please advise our office.

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* For a name change, you must include the legal document for record.

Here’s a group photo of people at the Shareholder Reception in Seattle, Washington. The BSNC Board of Directors received training in February at Seattle and also held a Shareholder Reception. The reception was well attended with a little over 100 shareholders. The reception provided an opportunity for the shareholders to meet the Board of Directors in person, receive information on BSNC and its subsidiary companies, meet other BSNC shareholders who live in Washington, and connect with relatives with friends and relatives they hadn’t seen in a long time.

Do you need to update your shareholder information? If so, please use the form below. Thanks
BSNC Summer College Internship Program

Who is eligible to participate: BSNC Shareholders & Descendants who are college bound, returning students or those planning to attend vocational or technical school

Open recruitment begins: May 1, 2008 – apply today so we can plan for your participation

Start date varies: Anticipated start date for many interns is June 2, 2008. Earlier or later start dates based on your school schedule can be reviewed with Human Resources

Program ends: August 29, 2008

Application Deadline: Until filled

Positions vary but may include the following areas of interest: Human Resources, Accounting & Finance, Office Administration, and Shareholder Department (Nome office only),

For further information or to apply for the BSNC Summer College Internship Program, please contact:

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Meet Staff from our Anchorage Office

The BSNC Anchorage Office is located at 4600 DeBarr Road in Suite 200. Phone 907-563-3788

Melinda Hardin is our new Receptionist.

Want to inquire about jobs? Contact Christina Hamlin, HR Administrator (left) or Sharon Westlake, Director of Human Resources (right).

Want to learn more about jobs with BSNC or its subsidiary companies? Then give HR a call.

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Bering Straits Foundation offers scholarships to BSNC shareholders and lineal descendants who are enrolled to accredited vocational education or college institutions. It is with great pride that we recognize our BSF graduates. Congratulations Graduates!

Nome resident Heather Payenna is graduating this spring with a Bachelors of Arts in History from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Heather is the daughter of Maureen Koezuna and Gabriel Payenna. Gabriel is a BSNC shareholder who is originally from King Island. Heather graduated from Nome Beltz High School in 2005 and will have earned her degree in just three years. Heather wants to return to Nome and become a high school teacher.

Anchorage resident Hans Schubert attended and successfully completed a 6 week Construction Equipment Training course. Hans is the son of Carolyn Schubert who is a BSNC shareholder and is enrolled to Council Native Corporation. The 240 hour program that he attended combined commercial truck driving, heavy equipment operating, traffic control flagging, first aid/CPR, and MSHA safety. Hans received his certificate for his CDLA on February 15, 2008.

Unalakleet resident Victoria “Sissy” Kotongan is graduating this spring from Fort Lewis College with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science Systems. Sissy is the daughter of Judith and Victor Kotongan. Victor is a BSNC shareholder and is enrolled to Unalakleet Native Corporation. Sissy graduated from Unalakleet High School in 2001. Upon graduation Sissy went on to Covenant Bible College in Ecuador where she studied for a year before transferring to Fort Lewis College.

Anchorage resident Jennifer Hoogendorn, 24, a BSF recipient since 2003 graduated with her Master’s of Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University on April 26, 2008. Jennifer was born in Nome to Jane McCafferty and Homer Hoogendorn and moved to Eagle River at a young age. She is of Inupiaq heritage and is a BSNC and Sitnasuak shareholder. Jennifer graduated with her Bachelor’s of Arts in Accounting for Information Management and Human Services (double major) in August 2006 at Alaska Pacific University. She furthered her education at APU to obtain her MBA, where she had many grateful experiences, one being able to travel overseas to complete a course in Vienna, Austria. Jennifer has recently been appointed to the Alaska Native Professionals Association Board of Directors, where she plans to gain experience and continue to develop professionally. Her ultimate goal is to be a successful leader to positively impact the Alaska Native community.

Yvonne Lockwood graduated in April 2008 from the Career Academy with a certificate in Business Office Programs. Yvonne is from St. Michael and is the daughter of Viola Evan. Yvonne graduated from Anthony St. Andrew’s School in 1991. In 2007 Yvonne moved to Anchorage to attend school. Yvonne is now employed by Bering Straits Native Corporation in the Anchorage office as the Administrative Assistant.

“I intend to spend next winter at home, hopefully substitute teaching. Then I plan to continue in school and receive my masters.” ~Heather Payenna

“I am very thankful for BSF and other organizations that are able to provide financial assistance to further education to the Alaska Native leaders of tomorrow. It’s very important to invest in our people as they will be making decisions in the future that affect our children and grandchildren.” ~Jennifer Hoogendorn

“I’ve always wanted to go back to school. I enjoy learning new things and I welcome the challenge of doing something new.” ~Yvonne Lockwood
Congratulations to BSF Spring 2008 Scholarship Recipients!

Alex David-AVTEC
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Theodore Willoya-Western International University
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Kyle Yess-Owensboro Community College
Lorena Seunninga-LBCC
Heather Payenna-University of Hawaii
Travis Odinzoff-Yakima Valley Community College
Marlena Spencer-Kenai Peninsula College
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Jennifer Hoogendorn-AK Pacific University
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Kelsi Ivanoff-UAA
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Hayley Asicksik-International Miracle Institute
Michael Clark-Kent State University
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For more information about scholarship, internship and educational opportunities please feel free to contact Kirsten at ktimbers@beringstraits.com, phone (907)-443-4305, or toll free (800)-478-5079. We could provide you one on one assistance in the search for vocational education, college opportunities, scholarships, or the application process. Or you may be interested in BSF’s mentoring program where graduates provide their assistance to first time higher education students. If you are a graduate and are interested in mentoring a first time student please contact BSF for more information. BSF is in the process of getting updated information on graduates. If you have received funding from BSF in the past, please contact our office and let us know what you are up to now.

BSF Staff Update

BSF Executive Intern, Nina Wideman is a graduating senior from Nome Beltz High School. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa and major in Business Administration. Good Luck to you Nina!
In January 2008 the Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) provided Faye Ongtowasruk and her daughter Barbara Weyiouanna fellowships to visit the British Museum, the Pitt Rivers Museum in England, and the National Museum of Scotland to document some of the oldest Iñupiaq ethnographic object collections in the world.

With the help of many agencies and individuals, Faye and Barbara from Wales along with John and Pearl Goodwin from Kotzebue travelled to England with Amber Lincoln, graduate student at the University of Aberdeen. There they joined Ron and Turid Senungetuk from Homer (Ron is from Wales and his wife Turid is from Norway). The group spent two days in the storage facility of the British Museum, one day at the Pitt Rivers Museums stores and another day viewing photos of artifacts at the National Museum Scotland.

There is a collection of tools and clothing in three British museums that are some of the oldest Iñupiaq ethnographic objects in the world. These objects range from hunting tools like harpoons, lances, and bows to processing tools such as hide scrapers, ulus, and needle cases, and to clothing, footwear, and containers.

The artifacts were collected between 1826 and 1827 when the HMS Blossom entered the Bering Strait. The voyage was part of a joint effort to find the fabled Northwest Passage. While the ship was in northwest Alaska, Captain F. W. Beechey and Lieutenant Edward Belcher traded European good for mostly Iñupiaq tools, clothing, and food. Once they returned to Great Britain, at different times and through various routes, the officers presented the objects to the British Museum in London, the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, and National Museums Scotland in Edinburgh.

What is less known about these historic artifacts are the meanings and significance of them for Iñupiaq people today. Museum employees, with the help of books, can generally identify the functional uses of tools within the museums. They less often record personal knowledge about the tools from the descendants of the objects original users. Likewise, museum records rarely list indigenous terms for the objects. The major objective this particular trip was to record specific knowledge and interpretations about how these historical tools and clothing fit into the life histories of five Iñupiaq consultants.

One objective was to share these stories with the British museums who house the artifacts, and in turn, to share both the recorded ‘stories’ and information from the museum records about the tools with the northwest Alaskan communities from which the objects originated.

By working together viewing, handling and discussing the artifacts, each consultant offered important and personal perspectives that added meaning and value to the 180 year old objects. John, Pearl, Faye, Barbara, Ron, and Turid discussed how and when the objects were made and in which seasons they were used. They relayed experiences and told stories about collecting and harvesting raw materials to make similar tools. Discussions also emphasized how people process that material and work together with family to create beautifully functioning tools and clothing that according to Ron “are just right for human beings.”

The Iñupiaq speakers joined forces to prompt their memories of the specific Iñupiaq word for particular tools and even parts of tools and clothing items. In most cases they recorded the terminology in both Malimiut dialect (Kotzebue Sound & Kobuk region) and Seward Peninsula dialect (Bering Strait region).

BSF offers cultural and heritage fellowships for individuals to attend non-credit workshops, conferences, or seminars approved by BSF and that perpetuate the understanding of our Native culture and heritage with the intention to broaden the understanding and appreciation of Native education, culture, and society. An individual can receive one Fellowship per calendar year and it is based on availability of funding. For more information about this trip or to find out about other Fellowship opportunities please contact Kirsten at ktimbers@beringstraits.com, phone her at (907) 443-4316 or toll-free at (800) 478-5079.
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