

# Shareholder Instructions for Gift of Stock BSNC

## Who Can Receive Stock?

Under the 1991 Amendments to the ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), you may only give stock to a person who is your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece, nephew, brother or sister and who also is a Native or descendent of a Native. To give stock to a sibling, you must be at least 18 years old. Guardians, Custodians or Power of Attorneys are not eligible to gift shares on behalf of the shareholder.

The law defines a Native as a person who is at least one-fourth degree Alaska Indian, Eskimo or Aleut blood, or combination; a descendant of a Native is a lineal descendant (child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.) of a Native or an adoptee of a Native or descendant of a Native who is adopted before the age of 18.

**Transfer of Stock Rights:** Once your gift is completed on the corporate books, the recipient of your shares will own and have all the stock rights for those shares, including the right to vote the shares in person or by proxy at any and all shareholder meetings, to receive dividends and distributions on the shares, to bequeath the shares upon death, or to give the shares to a relative as stated above. Once the gift is completed, you will have no rights with respect to the shares you give away.

## Procedures for Making Gift:

- To make a gift of BSNC stock, you must first complete and sign the *InterVivos Gift of Shares Affidavit*. Return the form via mail or deliver these forms to Bering Straits Native Corporation, Shareholder Relations Department, P.O. Box 1008, Nome, Alaska 99762.
- When we receive the form, we will review. We may request additional information to determine that the transfer qualifies under the law.
- The recipient of your gift will be sent an Acceptance of Inter Vivos Gift of Stock form.
- The person you give the stock to must survive until we have completed the paperwork. If that person dies before then, the gift transfer will not be made to him or her (or his or her estate).
- Once we have transferred your shares on the books BSNC stock records in accordance with your gift, we will send you a notice which will state the number of shares transferred in the name and address of the recipient, the date of the transfer, the name and address of the custodian (if any).

**Number of Shares:** You may make a gift of any number of shares which you own, but you may not create new fractional shares in making any gift.

**Revocation:** Once the gift is completed and your shares have been transferred on BSNC's books to the recipient, you may not revoke your gift. The recipient of your shares will not be able to give them back to you.

**Taxes:** Making a gift of stock may have tax consequences for both you and the recipient. We cannot advise you on the possible tax consequences but urge you to consult a tax advisor or accountant before making or accepting a gift. BSNC will not be responsible for any taxes resulting from the transfer of your shares.

**Receive Something in Return:** For making a gift of your shares, you may not receive anything of value from the recipient or anyone else. You may not receive money, property, services, licenses or anything else of value for your shares. No one may have promised you anything of value for making a gift of your shares.

If you have any questions about the procedures for making the gift, or eligibility requirements, or about someone's relationship to you, or how many shares you own, contact the Shareholder Relations Department before completing these forms. We will be happy to answer any of your questions.