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CHOGGIUNG, LTD. SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER

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Choggiung Celebrates 50 Years

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT / CEO

Dear Fellow Choggiung Shareholders,
We have ended a five-year strategic plan cycle with strong results. Over five years ago, the Choggiung Limited Board of Directors put together a plan to grow the corporation, protect its lands, and expand benefits to its shareholders. The Board and Staff worked together to achieve real results on behalf of Shareholders. As we look forward to the next five and finalize plans, we know we are capable of accomplishing big things just as we have done over the last five.

Five years ago, we were at the very beginning of the journey to launch two federal contracting companies and get them certified in the Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development Program along with our partners at Bristol Bay Native Corporation. Soon after, we were offered a unique opportunity to purchase a majority ownership in a mature business Bristol Industries (Bristol). Bristol operates in business lines including Munitions Response, Environmental, Civil Engineering, Civil Construction, Vertical Construction, and other Professional Services. We called it "Project Aipaq," meaning spouse or partner in Yup'ik. With new business from our wholly owned business and newly acquired business, we have been able to deliver significant increases in the value of Choggiung, and prepare ourselves to launch into additional growth.



Our Board placed an emphasis on giving to our shareholders. To reach this vision, we have paid a dividend each year since the plan was approved and to date shareholder dividends have increased by 160%. We continue to support our youth through educational scholarships and vocational training. We introduced a new shareholder benefit called the Bereavement Benefit that offers up to \$1,000 to shareholders, spouses, and descendants when a loved one has passed away. To deliver dividends and other benefits tax free to shareholders, we asked shareholders to authorize the creation of an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Trust, were approved and it has been established.

Another big milestone has been the approval of issuing a new class of shares for descendants of original shareholders. Our Board has recognized the importance of engagement and participation of the corporation of youth for generations to come. We thank you for your approval and patience as we work through the intricacies of getting enrollment ready!

When we put together our five-year plan, the Board asked management to develop policies that ensured our lands were available for generations to come. The Board was presented with an overarching policy, which has been approved and implemented. Subsequent plans have been developed to offer use of our lands in a sustainable, environmentally sensitive fashion. Just as our lands have sustained us for generations past, we see through the Board's policy choices that they will be here for generations to come.

Launching to the future, the Board and Executive Management of Choggiung and its subsidiaries met in Seattle to set the objectives for the next five years. We took time to reflect, consider different growth strategies, and ideas to develop a plan that will be considered by the Board for approval at our June quarterly meeting. We see a bright future and path for our businesses, for our shareholders, and for our land. We have a powerful sense that we will be an organization that continues to grow, develop, and deliver results for our shareholders.

Sincerely,

Inez Bielefeld
Chair

Cameron Poindexter
President & CEO

SHAREHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE 2023

Dillingham 49th Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 11am

Registration at 10am

Dillingham Elementary School Gym



Anchorage Informational Meeting

Saturday, August 12th, 2023 at 11am

The Lakefront Anchorage / Millenium Hotel



ALL ABOUT VOTING

In order for your proxy to be voted at the 49th Annual Meeting of Shareholders, it must be received by the Ballot Tabulator, Sramek-Hightower CPAs, by **5:00pm Alaska Time on Monday, September 25th, 2023.**

How to submit proxies:

BY MAIL:

Sramek-Hightower CPAs
P.O. Box 240569
Anchorage, AK 99524

BY HAND DELIVERY:

2525 C Street - Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99503

BY FAX:

1-907-561-4341

BY EMAIL:

chelsi@sh-cpafirm.com

ONLINE:

www.choggiungvote.com

If you have questions, please contact Chelsi Pagel of Sramek-Hightower CPAs at 907-677-3320.

HOW CAN YOU PREPARE FOR ENROLLMENT FOR CLASS B STOCK?

STEP 1: Make sure you are eligible.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO APPLY FOR CLASS B LIFE ESTATE STOCK?

Eligibility Criteria for Descendants

(Must answer yes to all three)

- ✓ I was born after December 18, 1971
- ✓ I am a lineal Descendant by birth or adoption of an original Choggiung Limited Shareholder
- ✓ I have not enrolled as a Descendant in another ANCSA Village Corporation that has already gone through the process of open enrollment.

Eligibility Criteria for Missed Enrollee

(Must answer yes to all four)

- ✓ I was born on or before December 18, 1971
- ✓ I am a U.S. citizen
- ✓ I have at least ¼ Alaska Native Blood Quantum
- ✓ I have not enrolled as an original or missed enrollee shareholder of another ANCSA Village Corporation.



STEP 2: Get your documents in order.

VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Descendant applicants should be prepared to submit verification documents to show proof of applicant's legal name, date of birth, and lineal descent. Acceptable documents include original or certified copy of a birth certificate, adoption papers or other documentation showing the applicant's relationship to a lineal family member who is an original Choggiung Shareholder. Additional documents may be required if applicable such as: Proof of Name Change, Proof of Custodianship, Paternity Affidavit, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), Social Security Card or Adoption Court Order. If sponsoring an applicant, the sponsor's legal name and proof of relationship to and responsibility for the applicant must be established.

Missed Enrollee applicants must meet ANCSA requirements and should also be prepared to submit verification documents to show proof of legal name, date of birth, lineal descent and or birth/residency tie to Dillingham, Ekuk or Portage Creek. The applicant must show proof of U.S. citizenship, and ¼ Alaska Native blood quantum. Acceptable documents include an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, adoption papers, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), and other documentation showing the applicant's birth in, or residency, Social Security Card, relationship to or lineal descent from someone from Dillingham, Ekuk, or Portage Creek.

For Alaska vital records, contact: Anchorage (907) 269-0991; Fairbanks (907) 452-4863; or Juneau (907) 465-3391. Or apply online for an Alaska birth certificate at: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/birth/default.htm>

For births outside of Alaska, apply online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welocm.htm>

Missed enrollees can request a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at: Anchorage (907) 271- 3519; Fairbanks (907) 456-0522; or Juneau (907) 586-7635.

CHOGGIUNG LIMITED AWARDED \$29.5 MILLION NTIA BROADBAND GRANT

Choggiung, Limited (“Choggiung”) is excited to announce that they have been awarded a \$29,532,501 Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Infrastructure Deployment grant through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”). Choggiung will be partnering with Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative (“NETC”) on the Broadband Infrastructure Deployment project to install a fiber connection from Levelock to Dillingham, as well as fiber to the home in Aleknagik and Dillingham.

The project will benefit Choggiung’s 700+ Dillingham-area based shareholders, 1,500+ Alaska Native/American Indian people, and all residents of the communities. Bringing fast, reliable internet means people here, far away from most modern infrastructure, will have access to new opportunities through this upgraded communications system including better access to education, health care solutions, economic development and entertainment that is affordable. This fiber-based network is future scalable, and will ensure broadband to our communities remains urban equivalent.

“The project helps solve disparities caused by our remoteness and catches us up to the rest of the fast-changing world around us, it will help us compete and has the potential to change lives,” says Cameron Poindexter, Choggiung Limited

President & CEO. “We are proud that the project is all locally driven by organizations with people from the area - Choggiung and Nushagak. When we complete this project successfully, it will be an example of what can be accomplished when we combine our limited resources and work together!”

Choggiung and NETC look forward to collaborating on this project of critical and enduring importance to our communities and region. “This partnership is an excellent example of a Federal agency, Alaska Native Corporation and a small member owned Cooperative working together to meet a critical need in rural Alaska,” said Pete Andrew NETC Board President.

As the local, member owned, telecommunications provider for five rural Alaskan communities since 1972, Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative is very aware of the need for urban equivalent broadband for our communities.

This project and the partnership that made it possible will bring fiber optic speed, capacity and service levels to our communities and extend the existing fiber network 77 miles farther west into remote Alaska, providing for further expansion opportunities in our area and across Western Alaska.

“This project will allow NETC as the operating entity to provide 300/30 unlimited service without an increase in package cost over a durable fiber network. Being a member owned Cooperative NETC will also be in a position to provide excess capacity to other communities in our region and farther west.” Will Chaney CEO/GM NETC Choggiung’s eligibility for this grant opportunity was made possible from support given by the Curyung Tribe. It is our combined belief that this effort, originating from within our region and having the betterment of our region and people at heart, will be a meaningful and lasting contribution to our continued growth, and sustainability for generations to come.

The project has been kicked off with permitting, environmental reviews, land acquisition or access, and historical preservation work. Construction is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2023 with broadband access for people becoming available in 2024.



Welcome Darrell!

HUMAN RESOURCE & ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

We'd like to welcome and introduce **Darrell Delacruz** as our new Human Resource and Administration Director! Darrell has many years of HR experience and has retired from the military after 22 years of service. His favorite things in life are his family (wife & 3 children), fishing, hunting, playing volleyball, basketball, and coaching.



LET'S GO GREEN

In the near future Choggiung newsletters, postcards, notice of meetings, and other shareholder communications will be sent electronically to those shareholders that have opted to do so.

Choggiung shareholders who have signed up for electronic delivery of shareholder communications with BBNC will also receive them from Choggiung Limited starting March 1, 2023.

This will reduce cost to the corporation while it helps the environment.

To sign up for electronic delivery of news and communications, visit BBNC's website at www.bbnc.net/bbnc-is-going-green/.

SAVE PAPER - SAVE COSTS - SAVE ENERGY - LIMIT WASTE



LAND DEPARTMENT

MARK BIELEFELD, LAND MANAGER

As we approach the summer season, I would like to take this time to inform the community of the permitting process. All patrons of Choggiung Ltd. Lands are required to have a permit. The permit is used for communicating the rules associated with our lands and to account for use of our lands for funding and grant opportunities.

Permits may be obtained from our main office in Dillingham, the upriver Head Quarters on the Nushagak River, and at the Caretakers Quarters located at Snake Lake.

Category I:

The following will have full access to all activities on Choggiung Ltd. Lands that are not restricted to commercial use only:

Choggiung Ltd. Shareholders, descendants, and spouses.

Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) Shareholders, descendants, and spouses

Category II:

With restrictions, the following have full access to all activities on Choggiung Ltd. lands that are not restricted to commercial use only. They must be a resident** of the community and provide proof of shareholder or member status. Fees may apply.

ANCSA Corporation Shareholders other than Choggiung Ltd. and BBNC, descendants, and spouses.

Tribal Members, descendants, and spouses

Category III:

Non-shareholders are allowed full access to all activities on Choggiung Ltd. lands that are not restricted to commercial use only; however, only have limited access only on land west of the Wood River. Limited access does not allow for the hunting of big game i.e., moose and caribou. Limited access only allows for all other activities associated with and including the foraging of plants, berries, and the hunting of small game.

Exception: If a Shareholder is unable to participate in big game hunting, a Special Permit shall be issued to a non-shareholder proxy holder if the following are met:

Shareholder is blind, 65 years of age or older, physically disabled, or who is developmentally disabled may be eligible to have a resident** hunt for them.

Proxy must present a completed and approved ADF&G Proxy Authorization Form.

Fee Schedule:

Shareholders of Choggiung Ltd. and BBNC, descendants, and spouses are exempted from fees.

All others including Category II and Category III are subject to fee schedule.

	Residents Individual	Residents Family*	Non-Resident Individual	Non-Resident Family*
Land Use Permit	\$180.00	\$240.00	\$180.00	\$240.00
Land Use Permit (Aug 1 – Dec 31)	\$180.00	\$240.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
Day Use Permit	Contact Land Manager			
Special Use Permit	Contact Land Manager			

*Family Permit Includes:

Spouse/Domestic Partner

Children under the age of 21 and under the guardianship of permit holder.

** Resident: Is a documented resident within the Nushagak River, Wood River, or Togiak River drainages for more than one calendar year.

To address any questions or concerns please contact the Land Department:

Email: land@choggiung.com

Phone: (907) 531-4026

BRISTOL ALLIANCE OF COMPANIES TRAVIS WOODS P.E., PRESIDENT & CEO

Bristol Project Highlight: P-312, Provost Marshal's Office

Bristol Design Build Services, LLC, was contracted by the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southwest to design and construct a Provost Marshal's Office building that would house law enforcement and physical security personnel at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

The \$9.9 million contract scope included a 9,100 square-foot building with an armory, dispatch, holding cells, interrogation rooms, criminal investigation department, and numerous training areas. The structure was built directly on a dredged geographical fault line, so the project team installed approximately 500 Geopier piles to support the building during a seismic event. To compensate for ground compaction challenges due to a sand base and high-water mark, Bristol used low-density fill to backfill the main sewer connection. In specific rooms on the interior of the building, dry-wall was glued directly to CMU to eliminate spaces for detainees to store contraband.

The Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) is based on the east coast and handles intrusion detection systems required for this type of facility. The Bristol team prioritized strong project communication and installed infrastructure throughout the building resulting in a seamless transition once NIWC occupied the facility.

To learn more about the Bristol Alliance of Companies and our projects, visit www.bristol-companies.com.



CHOGGIUNG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION



We are honored and pleased to provide scholarship opportunities and support to student shareholders as they pursue a higher education. This year the Choggiung Educational Endowment Foundation awarded a total of \$21,000 to full-time students and \$2,700 in Career/Work Enhancement scholarships.

2023-2024 CEEF scholarship recipients are pursuing degrees in the fields of Biology/Pre-Health, Exploratory Business, Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Environmental Science, Biology, Political Science, and Engineering. Congratulations to all who were awarded scholarships and their pursuit of higher education.

Shareholders taking vocational training, certification courses, or classes to gain employment skills are eligible for the Career/Work Enhancement Scholarship, which is available year-round pending available funds. Applicants are eligible for up to \$500 per year; funds can be used for tuition, registration fees, books, supplies, or equipment for class, workshop or event.

BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT

Choggiung Limited provides a bereavement benefit of up to \$1,000 in connection with the death of shareholders, lineal descendants of shareholders, or spouses to assist with funeral expenses.

To be eligible, the deceased must be:

- a shareholder of Choggiung who is Native or a descendant of a Native (according to ANCSA)
- a descendant of a shareholder (child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc.)
- Spouse of a shareholder (must be legally married to shareholder)

The person applying for the benefit must be one of the following, in order: Executor/Power of Attorney, spouse, child, parent, sibling.

Forms can be accessed online by visiting www.choggiung.com/shareholders/forms/.

If you have questions, please e-mail Mary Barnes at mary@choggiung.com or call (907) 842-5218.

SEARCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Visit our website at: www.choggiung.com and click on the "Opportunities" tab to find current listings at Choggiung Limited and its subsidiaries.

For more information call Mary Barnes at (907) 842-5218, or e-mail mary@choggiung.com.



Choggiung Limited is celebrating 50 years of commitment to our people, our land, and our heritage. Join us at the informational meeting in Anchorage or the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Dillingham to celebrate with fellow shareholders.



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