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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hubert,

Re: Public Hearing Undertaking #4 and Other Requested Information
EA0809-004 NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Ltd.

Please find attached the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) response to Undertaking #4 from the NICO Project Public Hearing in Behchoko. Also find attached other information requested by Behchoko Chief Clifford Daniels.

Please contact me if you may require any further details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shafic Khouri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shafic" and last name "Khouri" clearly distinguishable.

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Attachment

GNWT Response to Undertaking #4

Undertaking #4: “GNWT to indicate percentage of labour market involved in mining and secondary industries, as well as percentage of economic activity.”

Percentage of labour market in mining and related secondary industries in the NWT

According to annual labour force information from Statistics Canada for 2011, of all employed persons, 6.2% were employed in the Forestry, Fishing, Mining, quarrying, oil and gas industry. Information more specific to the mining industry cannot be detailed. While employment in support activities for mining is not available explicitly, a portion of employment in the construction industry and transportation and warehousing industry may be related to mining. Please see Table 1 below for more information.

In 2009, 7.7% of employed persons were in the Mining, Oil and Gas industry and 5.7% of employed persons were specifically in the mining and quarrying industry (source: 2009 NWT Community Survey).

Percentage of economic activity in mining and secondary industries in the NWT

Economic activity is generally measured through gross domestic product (GDP). In 2011, mining, oil and gas extraction represented 31.2% of total GDP (source: Statistics Canada). As with employment figures, information for support activities for mining are not available explicitly, however, a portion of GDP for the construction industry and transportation and warehousing industry may be related to mining. Please see Table 2 below for more information.

Table 1: Employment, by Industry; Northwest Territories, 2011

	# Persons	%
Total Employment	22,700	100.0
Goods-producing sector	3,600	15.9
Agriculture	-	-
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	1,400	6.2
Utilities	300	1.3
Construction	1,700	7.5
Manufacturing	200	0.9
Services-producing sector	19,100	84.1
Trade	2,500	11.0
Transportation and warehousing	2,000	8.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,000	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,100	4.8
Business, building and other support services	400	1.8
Educational services	1,800	7.9
Health care and social assistance	2,300	10.1
Information, culture and recreation	900	4.0
Accommodation and food services	1,200	5.3
Other services	700	3.1
Public administration	5,200	22.9

Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

2. Prepared by: NWT Bureau of Statistics

3. '-' means data zero or too small to be expressed

4. Data presented is rounded to the nearest 100 persons, therefore categories may not sum to the totals.

Table 2: Gross Domestic Product at Basic Prices by Industry; Northwest Territories, 2011; Millions of Chained (2002) Dollars

	GDP	%
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All industries	2,870.6	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	31.1	1.1
Mining and oil and gas extraction	894.6	31.2
Diamond Mining	695.4	24.2
Utilities	61.2	2.1
Construction	158.2	5.5
Manufacturing	7.1	0.2
Wholesale trade	67.9	2.4
Retail trade	116.5	4.1
Transportation and warehousing	211.1	7.4
Information and cultural industries	68.4	2.4
Finance and insurance, real estate, etc.	412.8	14.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	60.3	2.1
Administrative and support, waste management, etc.	46.3	1.6
Educational services	151.3	5.3
Health care and social assistance	X	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6.8	0.2
Accommodation and food services	65.5	2.3
Other services (except public administration)	68.6	2.4
Public administration	410.4	14.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Industry Accounts Division

Prepared by: NWT Bureau of Statistics

Note:

1. 'x' means data is suppressed
2. Data will not sum since chained dollars are not additive

GNWT Response to Other Requested Information

Please find below the response to the question directed toward the Government of the Northwest Territories by Behchoko Chief Clifford Daniels on August 31, 2012 at the NICO Project Public Hearing (see page 239 of public transcript).

GNWT Response

Over the next year and beyond, the following programming is planned in each Tlicho communities' Community Learning Centre (CLC):

Adult Educators in CLCs are in the process of completing student intake (placement packages/assessment of levels) in order to determine which Developmental Studies (Adult Literacy and Basic Education) courses are to be delivered in the 2012-2013 academic year. Following that, enrolment data for courses will be available. There may also be additional courses offered, but this varies depending on community need and funding availability.

In addition to CLC standard curriculum noted previously, the NWT Mine Training Society (MTS) working with Aurora College, will be coordinating an Introduction to Underground Mining program that will be delivered in all Tlicho communities. As well, the MTS, working with the Community Government of Behchoko, is discussing the delivery of a Construction Training program in the region.