

June 19, 2012

EA0809-004 NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Limited

To the parties:

Re: Pre-hearing conference – July 13, 2012

A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for July 13, 2012 from 9:30 am to 12 noon mountain time. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board office located in the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife.

Parties that are outside Yellowknife can join by teleconference at 1-877-215-4724. The participant code is 3404306.

Purpose of a pre-hearing conference

This pre-hearing conference gives parties an opportunity to assist in planning for the community hearings in Whati and Behchoko and the public hearing in Yellowknife and Behchoko. The meeting will include all parties to this environmental assessment (EA) along with Review Board staff and counsel. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Outline the format for community and public hearings
- Identify resolved and unresolved issues between parties
- Set the agenda for the hearings
- Clarify the procedures and answer any questions

The pre-hearing conference will be most efficient if parties are familiar with the Review Board's rules of procedures. Participants should be aware of resolved and unresolved issues in order to focus discussions during the meeting.

The pre-hearing conference will be informal and chaired by Review Board staff. Review Board members will not be present.

A list of parties to the NICO Project is attached. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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EA0809-004 – NICO Project: List of Parties

- Fortune Minerals Ltd.
- Tłıchq Government
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Akaitcho IMA Office
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Fisheries & Oceans Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Environment Canada
- Transport Canada
- Natural Resources Canada