

EA0809-004
NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Ltd.

August 1, 2012

Re: Procedures for community and public hearings and request for submission of presentations by August 22

To Parties:

Thank you for participating in the July 30, 2012 pre-hearing conference to discuss procedures for the upcoming hearings and consider agenda topics and scheduling. As discussed, general procedures for the hearings are as follows:

Whati Community Hearing (informal) – August 27, 2012

- Tlicho Grand Chief and Chief of Whati will make an opening statement
- The developer will present the project and its interactions with the environment in two presentations
- Government representatives (other parties) will introduce themselves as observers and be available for questioning
- Tlicho community members and Review Board members have the opportunity to ask questions of the developer and parties after each presentation
- There will be no questions and answers between the developer and other parties
- The majority of time during the hearing will be allotted to community members to ask questions of the developer and parties

Yellowknife Public Hearing (formal) – August 29, 2012

- Tlicho Grand Chief will make an opening statement
- Parties have the opportunity to make a 5 minute opening statement
- The developer will present components of the project by topic – Water Quality and Air Quality
- Presentations by parties are focused on main agenda topics and may be technical
- All parties have the opportunity to make a presentation or statement within the timelines discussed during the pre-hearing conference
- The opportunity for questions and answers is granted to all parties, the developer and the Review Board after each presentation subject to the direction of the Chairperson

Behchoko Public Hearing (formal) – August 30-31, 2012

- Tlicho Grand Chief will make an opening statement
- Fortune Minerals will make an opening statement
- The developer will present components of the project by topic – Traditional Knowledge, Caribou and Wildlife Effects Monitoring, Closure, NICO Project Access Road, and Socio-Economics
- All parties have the opportunity to make a presentation or statement within the timelines discussed during the pre-hearing conference



- Presentations are focused on main agenda topics and may be technical
- The opportunity for questions and answers is granted to all parties, the developer and the Review Board after each presentation subject to the direction of the Chairperson

There will be no evening sessions built into the public hearing schedule. The community hearing in Whati is scheduled from 10:00am to 6:00pm. The public hearings in Yellowknife and Behchoko are scheduled from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

An agenda for the community and public hearings has been prepared and is provided separately.

The hearings will have simultaneous translation available and will be transcribed. The Yellowknife and Behchoko hearings from August 29-31 will be webcast from <http://reviewboard.ca/webcast.php>.

Participant Funding

There is no participant or transportation funding available from the Review Board to attend the hearings. Any requests for funding should go through the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Submission of presentations by August 22

Please submit your presentations for the public hearings in Yellowknife and Behchoko to the Review Board by August 22.

Party presentations by topic should be as brief and focused as possible. They should identify only the points, recommendations and arguments helpful for Board decision-making.

Opening statements (August 29, Yellowknife hearing)

The opening statements should be limited to 5 minutes and include a brief verbal introduction of the party you represent, an introduction of representatives participating in the hearing on the party's behalf, and a high level review of important points, positions and/or recommendations.

Tips for Public Hearings

A document published by the Review Board titled *Tips for Public Hearings* can be found at http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/Public_hearing_tipsguide_1240350117.pdf to assist you in presenting information at the hearings.

If you have questions, please contact me by email or phone.

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