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Nicole Spencer, Environmental Assessment Officer Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board 200 Scotia Centre, 5102-50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Yellowknife NT, X1A-2N7

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## <u>Re: Request for Ruling – Deninu Kue First Nation – EA1011-002</u> <u>TNR Gold – Moose Property</u>

Attention Ms. Spencer,

On behalf of the *Deninu Kue First Nation*, I am submitting a <u>request for</u> <u>ruling</u> form for consideration to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board regarding the <u>derisory</u> procedure of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the TNR Gold Moose Property Exploration Project. The purposed area for the Moose Property project is within a highly cultural significant area. *Deninu Kue First Nation* members utilize this area for subsistence and have done so since time immemorial.

Community information sessions, technical sessions, information requests, terms of references, developers assessment report are all necessary procedures to inform impacted communities and other agencies as well as the proponent regarding the proposed development and to ensure public engagement and in turn come to a consensus on mitigated measures for any environmental, cultural, social, spiritual valued components of the proposed developed area.

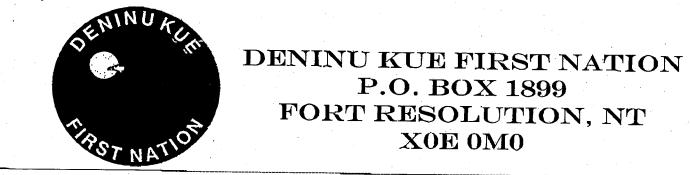
Environmental Assessments are to allow for the public to voice concerns regarding development and *Deninu Kue First Nation* strongly agree that sending two delegates to represent a membership of 820 *Akaitcho Dene of Deninu Kue First Nation* is not allowing for public consultation and or transparency regarding this EA process. The numbers of 820 are the *Deninu Kue First Nation* membership number; this is not including other people from Fort Resolution such as the Fort Resolution Metis and Canadian citizens at large.

If the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is moving away from the process of a traditional environmental assessment, a process that is in place to protect the land, water and animals as well as

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the people, who can the peoples of Canada and Akaitcho Territory, trust? Not having community information sessions in the affected communities as well as the above noted procedures is not allowing for full transparency of the purposed development or of the environmental assessment process.

In conclusion, Deninu Kue First Nation demands respect for the traditional environmental process and wants to see community information sessions within the community so our land users, elders and members of the community at large can understand the proposed development in our traditional territory.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or if the review board will not accept this letter as a formal request for ruling, please respond in writing, attention Chief Louis Balsillie c/o Deninu Kue First Nation Box 1899, Fort Resolution NT, XOE OMO or fax: (867) 394-5122.

Sincerely,

Chief Louis Balsillie Deninu Kue First Nation

Cc: DKFN Council

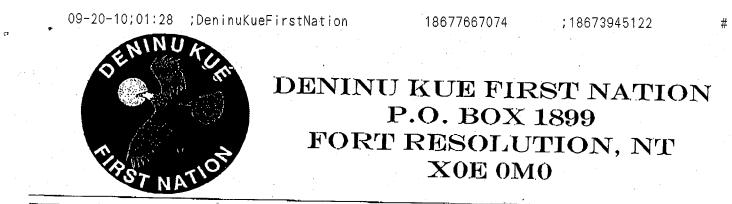
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