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**Re: Fortune Minerals –NICO Project, Environmental Assessment Information
Request response for IR; AANDC 2.5.**

Dear Mr. Hubert:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) provides the following information request response for (IR 2.5) on the Fortune Minerals –NICO Project Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide answers to information request. If you have any questions, please contact Lionel Marcinkoski at 669-2591 or via email at Lionel.Marcinkoski@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

for / Teresa Joudrie
Director

Renewable Resources and Environment Directorate – NT Region
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

IR: AANDC 2.5

Source: Section 8.10

To: Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)

Subject: Cumulative Effects Monitoring and Adaptive Management Linkages

Preamble:

The YKDFN present that in section 8.10 the company does not propose any cumulative effects monitoring or links for adaptive management related to surrounding events. YKDFN have observed the other mines in the territory divesting themselves of cumulative effects assessment responsibility after permitting. Thus, it is important that the responsible authorities submit a clear plan indicating their intention and commitments when it comes to any monitoring beyond what could be described as project specific.

Request:

YKDFN request that the GNWT and ANNDC complete a cumulative effects monitoring plan with appropriate linkages to adaptive management mitigations.

Response:

The YKDFN are requesting information on three subjects: 1) cumulative effects assessment, 2) cumulative effects monitoring plans, and, 3) linkages to adaptive management mitigations.

Cumulative effect assessment is a requirement of the environment assessment (EA) process. Following the EA, should impact monitoring measures (cumulative or otherwise) be required by the MVEIRB, the proponent will be required to initiate surveillance and adaptive management measures for their project.

A plan for cumulative impact monitoring that extends beyond individual projects can be found with the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program at the following location http://www.nwtcimp.ca/documents/2011/CIMP_5_YEAR_STRAT_PLAN_2010-15_ENG.pdf.