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VIA EMAIL

Paul Mercredi, Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Mercredi:

Re: Fortune Minerals Limited, NICO Project (EA0809-004) – request for comments from interested parties on Request for Ruling by the Tlicho Government

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) intends to respond to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (the Review Board's) invitation of June 4, 2010 to provide comments on the Request for Ruling by the Tlicho Government. INAC is currently reviewing the Tlicho Government's submission and preparing a response which will include an analysis of arguments made in the submission and information which may be useful to the Review Board in considering how to proceed.

In order to complete this review and analysis and to prepare a comprehensive submission, INAC is requesting until July 8, 2010 to provide its response to the Request for Ruling.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Erica Bonhomme at 669-2893 or myself a 669-2647. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jourde
Director, Renewable Resources and Environment