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Re: Technical Reports - Fortune Minerals Limited, NICO Project. EA 0809-004

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) is pleased to submit the following preliminary technical reports and references for discussion at the upcoming technical hearing for the above noted environmental assessment, which is currently scheduled, in Yellowknife, for the 30th of July, 2012.

The following references are provided to dispel the myth that there is no publicly available community-specific information available for the North Slave Métis community:

1. Can't Live Without Work. Prepared by the NSMA in 1999 for the Diavik environmental assessment . Many portions are relevant to the currently proposed Nico project, such as the historic background of the North Slave Métis and the need for Crown Consultation, community concerns related to mining and recommended mitigations.
2. Socioeconomic Report. Prepared by the NSMA in 2006 for the Diavik Communities Advisory Board. Provides community-specific socio-economic data, community perceptions (concerns), and recommendations. Many portions are relevant to the currently proposed Nico project, especially the recommendations about development of more relevant criteria, how to improve the study methodology, and the need for further study.
3. Socioeconomic Baseline Report. Prepared by the NSMA in 2007 for Gahcho Kue environmental assessment.

The following references are provided to provide background to the NSMA's impact predictions and suggested mitigations.

- ∞ United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- ∞ Table showing various international standards of Human Rights Protections in a Mine
- ∞ Canada Policy Brief - What is Well-Being?

To follow, as soon as possible:

1. Traditional Land Use and Occupancy of the North Slave Métis - Site specific report for the Nico project.
2. Socioeconomic Baseline of the North Slave Métis - 2010-2011.
3. Cultural Impact Assessment.
4. Critique of baseline description and impact predictions in DAR.

As I am sure the Board will understand, it is difficult to complete such an amount of work with a tiny budget, and without dedicated staff. We hope to provide updated materials by July 6th, at the same time as suggested by the Board for the Tlicho to produce the preliminary results of their Traditional Knowledge work. We hope that we be able to add more materials up until the closure of the public record.

Sincerely,



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