

Note to file

EA 0809-004

Fortune Minerals Limited, NICO Project

December 7, 2009

Re: Informal meeting with developer to clarify items in Terms of Reference

At the request of Fortune Minerals Limited, Review Board staff members Chuck Hubert, Paul Mercredi and Alan Ehrlich met with Rick Schryer at the Review Board office to discuss the developer's questions about the final Terms of Reference for the NICO Project EA.

The discussion focused on options for organizing the Developer's Assessment Report to avoid duplication while maintaining clarity between key lines of inquiry, particularly with respect to water and closure and reclamation. Other detailed technical requirements of the Terms of Reference were discussed and clarified where appropriate.

Review Board staff encouraged the developer to continue independent discussions with regulators, and requested summaries for the public record where those discussions are relevant to the EA. Fortune noted that discussions between various agencies involved in water regulation would be valuable to harmonize guidelines for the derivation of water quality discharge criteria. Fortune also expressed an interest in Review Board staff participation in those discussions if possible.

Chuck Hubert
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