



## **Note to File**

**EA0809-004**

**Fortune Minerals Ltd, NICO Cobalt-Gold-Bismuth-Copper Project**

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**Re: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 meeting between Review Board staff and representatives from Fortune Minerals Ltd. – June 9, 2010**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, Review Board staff met with representatives from Fortune Minerals to discuss Fortune's options regarding the T'licho Government's May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Request for Ruling.

### **Background**

Fortune Minerals Ltd. is proposing a cobalt-gold-bismuth-copper mine in the Northwest Territories roughly 90 kilometres north of Behchoko and 170 kilometres northwest of Yellowknife. This project – known as the NICO project – is now in environmental assessment by the Review Board. Fortune proposes to truck concentrate from the mine to a processing facility south of the NWT. At present, there is no all-season road to the proposed mine site which is surrounded by T'licho land. In a May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Request for Ruling, the T'licho Government asked the Review Board to stop the environmental assessment and place it into abeyance on the basis that Fortune has not worked out an agreement on access to the mine. Parties to this environmental assessment have until July 25<sup>th</sup> to submit documentation relating to the Review Board's ruling on this matter. The T'licho Government will then have until July 2<sup>nd</sup> to respond to those submissions before the Review Board makes a ruling.

### **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

Present at the meeting were Chuck Hubert, Nicole Spencer from the Review Board and Robin Goad, Rick Schryer and Thomas Rinaldi from Fortune Minerals Ltd. Fortune representatives had several questions regarding environmental assessment process with particular reference to the circumstances and ramifications of an abeyance.

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The Review Board office can also provide electronic copies of documents relevant to this environmental assessment upon request.

Sincerely,

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