

July 18, 2011

Our file: EA0809-004

To the Distribution List:

Re: EA0809-004: NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Limited: Instructions on party status applications and information request submissions

The Review Board has determined that the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) for the NICO Project submitted by Fortune Minerals Limited is in conformity with the Terms of Reference. The analytical phase of the environmental assessment can now proceed.

An updated Work Plan dated July 15, 2011 is available on the public registry for the NICO Project. The next step is the opportunity for parties to conduct a technical review of the material in the DAR and to submit information requests if needed.

Party status is required in order to submit formal information requests. The Request for Party Status application form is attached and can also be found on our website under reference library, practitioner's toolbox, forms and templates. Please submit the completed request for party status application to the Review Board by **August 5, 2011**.

The purpose of an information request is to give parties the information needed to help reach conclusions about potentially significant impacts. In an effort to improve process efficiencies and reduce the number of formal information requests, parties and the developer are encouraged to obtain information informally through meetings with each other. A summary of discussions between parties and the developer at these meetings should be kept and submitted to the Review Board where it will become part of the public registry. A template on how to complete a meeting report can be found on our website in the forms and templates section described above.

Guidance and examples on the submission of information requests can be found in Appendix F of the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines 2004*, available on our website. A template for information requests can also be found on our website under forms and templates.



When submitting an information request, please be reminded that it needs to be relevant and related to the scope of the environmental assessment and must add value to the assessment of impacts from the project on environmental, socio-economic and cultural values.

Please avoid duplicating information requests between parties where possible. The deadline for the submission information requests to the Review Board is **October 7, 2011**.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,



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FORM I

Request for Party Status

Name of Organization:

Name of Proceeding:

Reasons for requesting Party Status in these proceedings.

Participation:

Please describe how you or your organization intends to participate in this proceeding, such as what information, witnesses, or presentations you plan to submit.

If you represent a Responsible Minister or Responsible Authority please state which one.

List the licences, permits or authorizations issued by your organization relevant to this proceeding.

Contact Information:

Please confirm the organization's contact information and the name of the primary contact person for Board correspondence purposes.

Dated at _____, Northwest Territories, on (MM/DD/YY) _____

(Signature of Party's Representative)