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Dear Dr. Schryer,

RE: Request for Clarifications regarding the Fortune Minerals Ltd. NICO Cobalt-Gold-Bismuth-Copper Project

Before the Review Board can proceed beyond the scoping phase of this environmental assessment, it is required to make a decision regarding the scope of the proposed development, as per section 117(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. To do this, the Review Board requires answers to the following questions:

1. Can the NICO project be constructed, operated and closed as proposed without an all-weather road?
2. Can the NICO project be constructed, operated and closed as proposed with a seasonal over-land road?
3. Can the NICO project be constructed, operated and closed as proposed if no new road is proposed by the GNWT?
4. If the Department of Transportation were to build an over-land seasonal road, does Fortune Minerals Ltd. intend to help upgrade it to an all-season road?
5. Has Fortune Minerals Ltd. made any progress in determining its preferred alternative with respect to off-site or on-site processing (as described in section 7.0 of the *Project Description Summary*)? If not, by what date will Fortune Minerals Ltd. make this decision?

Answers to these questions may be critical to the Review Board's ability to proceed with the environmental assessment process at this time. If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at aehrlich@reviewboard.ca or by telephone at (867) 766-7056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Ehrlich', written over a horizontal line.

Alan Ehrlich
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