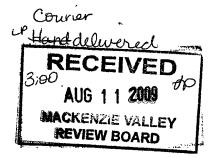


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Mr. Alan Ehrlich, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board P.O. Box 938, #200 Scotia Centre 5102 50th Avenue Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Ehrlich

## **RE:** NICO Transportation Route

In response to your letter of June 30, 2009, Fortune Minerals Limited has prepared a series of maps that outlines the proposed route that will be travelled by trucks carrying concentrate from the NICO Project site to Highway #3.

As you were advised on June 30, 2009, Fortune's NICO Project intends to utilize the realigned all-land winter road route, being planned by the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Transportation (DOT), for the transportation of concentrate and other materials to and from the mine site. The proposed route corridor was selected in consultation with the Tłįchǫ people during the DOT's 2008 community consultation program.

We have obtained the current alignment drawings from DOT and created the 1:50,000 scale mapsheets depicting the proposed road alignment from Behchokov to Gameti within a 500 metre wide corridor. In total the DVD enclosed with this letter has one mapsheet index at a scale of 1:600,000 plus fourteen 1:50,000 mapsheets.

Since the specific route alignment has not been finalized, the 500 metre wide corridor represents a band in which the actual alignment may vary depending on consultation with the Tłįchǫ government. We acknowledge that the alignment shown and the land tenure for the road are subject to negotiation between the GNWT and the Tłįchǫ Government, and approval from the Tłįchǫ Government.

Some aspects of the DOT's proposed alignment will have to change. As shown on Mapsheet 1, the alignment appears to cross the south end of the Edzo Airport. Clearly this will not be constructed in this exact location. The aerial photographs used by DOT and its consultants pre-dated the existence of the airstrip. As this information is updated, we will keep your office informed of changes.

The NICO access road is proposed to branch off the DOT alignment toward the NICO Project approximately 20 kilometres north of the existing Whati all season road. For

consistency we have depicted the same 500 metre corridor. However, the route proposed for that section of road leading to the NICO Project site is based on ground studies completed by Fortune. The NICO access alignment is not part of the DOT's proposed Tłįchǫ road corridor. Fortune acknowledges that the proposed NICO branch road and any upgrade of the all-land winter road to an all-weather road will be subject to consultation with the Tłįchǫ citizens and government, and an Access Agreement with the Tłįchǫ Government.

We trust that this letter and attached mapsheets adequately address your request for information. Should any point require clarification or further detail, please contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly

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Attached DVD: Proposed Route for D.O.T. All-Land Winter Road Alignment on Tłįcho Land and NICO Branch Road

cc. Mr. M. Conway, GNWT DOT

