

July 19, 2012

## Note to file

EA 0809-004  
NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Limited

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To parties:

### **Re: Tlicho Government brochure on hearing dates**

The attached brochure was prepared by the Tlicho Government and was submitted to the Review Board on July 18, 2012.

Parties are advised that the attached brochure is not a Review Board publication and that the dates of the NICO public hearings are August 27-31, 2012.

Mackenzie Valley Review Board



# Public Hearings

about the **Fortune Minerals Mine**

## Behchokò, Whatì, Yellowknife

### October 15 to 19, 2012



Under the 2005 Tłıchǫ Agreement, the Tłıchǫ have complete ownership of 39,000 square km of land (surface and sub-surface), self-government powers, and management of resources. The principles and objectives of the Tłıchǫ Agreement are to protect, promote and enhance the Tłıchǫ language, culture and way of life. The **Tłıchǫ Government** has the responsibility and duty to protect Tłıchǫ lands.



**Fortune Minerals** is a junior mining company that wants to build and operate a mine near K'éá gotì (Hislop Lake). This mine cannot run without an all season road. The mine could affect Tłıchǫ lands and impact future generations forever. The Tłıchǫ Government want to make sure that Tłıchǫ citizens are aware of the risks and have a full discussion about possible impacts and benefits.



AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED MINE SITE



This proposed mine is being studied by the **Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board**, which is made up of independent people appointed by the GNWT, the federal government, and the Aboriginal Governments. It is studying this mine, and will hold hearings to listen to Tłıchǫ people. It is our responsibility as Tłıchǫ citizens to speak at these hearings, ask questions, and share any concerns regarding impacts of the mine for Tłıchǫ citizens, their children and grandchildren.



At the hearings, the **Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board** will listen to **Tłıchǫ** concerns. They will read all the technical reports about the project.

Then they will decide if this project can:

- ☐ Go ahead as planned;
- ☐ Go ahead with some changes and measures to protect the environment and people;
- ☐ Submit the project for a more in-depth review, or
- ☐ Not go ahead because it will cause too much damage.

The **Review Board** will give their recommendation to the federal minister, who will then decide whether to approve the mine to go ahead, and under what sorts of conditions.

The **Tłı̨chq̓ Government** supports a strong review of this proposed development, and wants to protect the rights set out in the Tłı̨chq̓ Agreement. At this time, there is not enough information to start an Impact and Benefits Agreement.



The **Tłı̨chq̓ Government** is asking questions about risks and benefits, such as:



## Water

Impact/risk could be from:

- Deposits of mine waste and tailings that are not properly covered or managed. The company is using technology never built or used before in northern climates.
- Contaminants that cause the water to be treated forever. A failure to treat water safely could cause impacts on the water, land animals and people. The Tłı̨chq̓ Government is concerned there may need to be water treatment in 100 to 150 years or more.



## Caribou

Impacts could be from:

- Delay of the recovery of the Bathurst Caribou herd. The roads that need to be built for the mine to be developed may provide road access for hunters to these herds.
- Disturbance of the lands for Tłı̨d̓ı̨ through greater access for hunters.



## Community and health

Tłı̨chq̓ impacts could be from:

- Major in-migration to Whatı̨ for work and construction of an all season road, which could cause:
  - new access to addictive substances
  - more housing pressures
  - higher demand for social services, and
  - loss of young people to Yellowknife and a loss of community wellness.

The **Tłı̨chq̓ Government** is in favour of sustainable development, and supports responsible mining. We want to make sure that mine planning is done properly. We want to avoid mines that need to be maintained for hundreds of years after closure. We have too many abandoned mines in our area, such as Rayrock and Colomac.

**Please come to the public hearing to listen, speak and share any concerns you have.**

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