



March 9, 2010

Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board
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Attention: Mr. Grant Pryznyk, Interim Chair

Dear Mr. Pryznyk:

Re: Submission of Additional Documents; Joint Management Proposal for Caribou in Wek'eezhii

With reference to the Board letter of March 5, 2010 in which the Board indicated that it would like to post additional documents to the WRRB website to support the review of the above referenced management proposal, the Chamber of Mines as an interested observer and participant in the Proceeding wishes to provide the following comments:

- The Board has previously indicated that the scope of the Hearings will be on proposed Management Items 1- thru 5. Therefore we must question the inclusion of the document titled "*Assessment of Caribou Protection Measures. 2007, Indian and Northern Affairs*", which appears to deal with Management Item #8, the Protection of Calving Grounds;
- The Chamber of Mines must also question the appropriateness of including the document "*Assessment of Caribou Protection Measures. 2007. Indian and Northern Affairs*" given that the original source document for this document was co-written by the Board's Technical Expert, Ms. Anne Gunn. We would therefore highlight to the Board that a potential conflict of interest appears to exist with having Ms. Gunn provide technical analyses on her own work on behalf of the Board activities;
- Should the Board now be considering proposed Management Item #8, we must hereby again request standing at the Hearing, given the importance that the mining industry places on participating in the discussion of Management Item #8; and,
- We also again request that the Chamber of Mines be included on the Distribution List for all communications from the Board on this matter.

We thank you for your time and consideration and request a timely response to our concerns.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kearney', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Kearney
President, NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines