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Dear Ms. Spagnuolo,

**RE: Taseko Mines Ltd. Questions of Mr. Wayne P. McCrorry, RPBio. April 2, 2010 letter  
& Additional information requests for Taseko, Panel hearings, April 29, 2010**

Dear Mrs. Spagnuolo:

As per my oral submission to the Panel in Williams Lake on April 29, 2010, I now repeat my request to Taseko:

1. To provide the evidence to support their claim that current vehicle use of the Taseko/Whitewater road is 50 round trips per day
2. To provide accurate and detailed information as to what standards they will require from the Ministry of Transportation to up-grade the Taseko/Whitewater Road to levels to safely operate their proposed mine at Fish Lake, including the increased 100 return trips per day anticipated.

As I requested verbally of the panel yesterday, the failure to provide detailed information as to the new road standards is a serious deficiency in the Taseko EIS and public review that I hope is clarified as soon as possible.

Please find my response to Taseko's April letter:

1. The 2005 digital version of the Xeni Gwet'in access management plan was provided to the Panel. The up-dated version was the result of a meeting with the Xeni Gwet'in in March, 2010 and incorporated into my powerpoint presentation on April 1, 2010 at Nemiah. A copy of this was provided to the panel.

-Re: Economic study of wilderness lodges, I have asked Nancy Opperman to forward these to Taseko.

-Re: 1989 Xenigwet' in Aboriginal Declaration and Map. A digital copy is incorporated in my Access Management Plan powerpoint that was provided to Panel. This was also included in my April 29 powerpoint provided to the panel.

2. Yes, I was aware of this re- the transmission line. My comments were general in nature but have been further addressed in my April 29, 2010 technical presentation.
3. By this I meant that I had not reviewed all of the 3,000 page EIS. I had however (and I believe I made this clear) made a partial review of a number of documents from the EIS. I had also been briefed on other materials by my research associate, biologist Maggie Paquet, who was reviewing Taseko's EIS on my behalf. I also made a site visit on May 8, 2008 in the company of 2 other biologists. I also reviewed the project implications in the two years I worked on grizzly bear habitat mapping and a conservation overview with Dr. Craighead and made some of my own assessments. I also commented on the mine development in my 2005 Xenigwet' access management plan.
4. Prior to my comments, I reviewed Taseko's grizzly habitat information in the MOE compiled Comments, May 15-19, 2009.
5. My comments on protection included provincial parks as well as the area of the Xenigwet' aboriginal preserve and wild horse preserve and that your mine development area is within this aboriginal protected area. There is a large sign along the Taseko Road wrt. the wild horse preserve. I fully recognize and respect the aboriginal reserve as a legitimate protection area of high value just as I do national and provincial parks.
6. These are discussed in my 2005 report "Roads to Nowhere". This aspect will was also further discussed in my technical submission on April 29/10.
7. Digital photos on the mine damage are available in my Powerpoint provided to the panel. These were all taken on May 8, 2008 and described in my powerpoint. However, if you still require further documentation I would be happy to send it along.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. McCrory, RPBio.