

Appendix 3-G

*YMI May 30, 2013 Letters to First Nations -
Additional Consultation Measures*

HARPER CREEK PROJECT

**Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate /
Environmental Impact Statement**



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May 30, 2013

Chief Rita Matthew and Council
Simpcw First Nation
Box 220
Barriere, BC V0E 1E0
Fax No.: 250-672-5858

Dear Chief Matthew:

Re: Additional Consultation Measures

As you will be aware, on May 16, 2013, the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office indicated that it would like additional consultation with First Nations in connection with the Harper Creek Mine Project and issued a direction requiring us, as the Proponent, to undertake the following additional consultation measures:

1. Prior to submitting the next version of the Application for screening, the Proponent must undertake the following activities:
 - a. Contact Chiefs and Councils of all First Nations with a request for a meeting to discuss: past and current Aboriginal interests in the vicinity of or in relation to the area in which the proposed Project would be situated; what are the potential impacts of the proposed Project on those Aboriginal interests; and, what measures could be used in the proposed Project's design or operation to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address those potential impacts;
 - b. Develop a revised First Nations consultation plan for Application Review with specific details about First Nations community meetings and opportunities for First Nations to participate during Application Review; and
 - c. Submit a report to the EAO about the meetings that have occurred, the issues that were raised, how those issues will be addressed and the proposed mitigation that will be in the Application and provide a copy of this report to each of the First Nations.



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The purpose of this letter is to request a meeting for additional consultation on:

- past and current Aboriginal interests in the vicinity of or in relation to the area in which the Project would be situated;
- potential impacts of the proposed Project on those Aboriginal interests; and
- proposed or potential measures which could be used in the Project's design or operation to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address those potential impacts.

To assist in our further review and consideration of these issues, we have attached as Schedule A to this letter, a brief summary of the information available to us with respect to past and current Aboriginal interests in the vicinity or area of the Project, potential impacts of the proposed Project on those Aboriginal interests, as identified in our previous meetings and communications with you, and as identified in the environmental and socio-economic impact assessments to date, and the measures which we have identified to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address those potential impacts.

We hope to gain a better understanding of potential impacts by providing the information we have on past and current Aboriginal interests in the Project area for you to review and consider, and for you to identify any additions to the list of potential impacts, and any other reasonable measures that could be considered for addressing the potential impacts. In particular, we hope to gain a better understanding of the location of the 20 traditional land use sites in the local study area and where these areas are relative to the mine site layout, understanding the significance of potential impacts on the sites, and reasonable measures for mitigating those potential impacts. We would also like to review and discuss the list of issues outlined in your letter of January 23, 2013.

Recognizing that reviewing the existing information and additional consultation will require your time and consideration, we are prepared to provide capacity funding of \$25,000 for that purpose. We will provide a cheque for the first half of that funding (\$12,500) at our initial meeting.



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We would like to schedule our initial meeting or meetings with you so that they occur before the end of June 2013. Please let us know the date and location for an initial meeting during the weeks of June 17 or June 24. The meeting(s) will also assist us in meeting the Environmental Assessment Office requirements (1(b) and (c) above) of revising our First Nations consultation plan for Application Review, and submitting a report on the meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you and to fulfilling the requirements for additional consultation. We welcome any suggestions with respect to the form and agenda for the meetings, and any comments or suggestions with respect to the summary attached as Schedule A.

Yours truly,

Charlene Higgins, MSc, PhD
Vice President, Environment, Community
& First Nations Relations

CC: Gerry Hamblin, Project Manager, BCEAO
Zoltan Fabian, Project Manager, CEAA

Schedule A

1. First Nations traditional land use, rights and interests in the vicinity of the Project

References:

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- March 28, 2013 Draft Application, Part C – Projects Effects Assessment, Section 12 – Summary of Potential Effects on Aboriginal Activities and Accommodation Measures, and Table 12.0-1.

3. Information that can assist in Project design and reduce conflict between Simpcw First Nation concerns and proposed Project development plans

References:

- TLU&EK Study, Section 10.0 – Recommendations;
- March 28, 2013 Draft Application, Part C – Project Effects Assessment, Section 12 – Summary of Potential Effects on Aboriginal Activities and Accommodation Measures, and Table 12.0-1.



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May 30, 2013

Chief Nelson Leon and Council
Adams Lake Indian Band
P.O. Box 588
Chase, BC V0E 1M0
Fax No.: 250-679-8813

Dear Chief Leon:

Re: Additional Consultation Measures

As you will be aware, on May 16, 2013, the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office indicated that it would like additional consultation with First Nations in connection with the Harper Creek Mine Project and issued a direction requiring us, as the Proponent, to undertake the following additional consultation measures:

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 - a. Contact Chiefs and Councils of all First Nations with a request for a meeting to discuss: past and current Aboriginal interests in the vicinity of or in relation to the area in which the proposed Project would be situated; what are the potential impacts of the proposed Project on those Aboriginal interests; and, what measures could be used in the proposed Project's design or operation to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address those potential impacts;
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To assist in our further review and consideration of these issues, we have attached as Schedule A to this letter, a brief summary of the information available to us with respect to past and current Aboriginal interests in the vicinity or area of the Project, potential impacts of the proposed Project on those Aboriginal interests, as identified in our previous meetings and communications with you, and as identified in the environmental and socio-economic impact assessments to date, and the measures which we have identified to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address those potential impacts.

We hope to gain a better understanding of potential impacts by providing the information we have on past and current Aboriginal interests in the Project area for you to review and consider, and for you to identify any additions to the list of potential impacts, and any other reasonable measures that could be considered for addressing the potential impacts. We hope that your Cooperation Agreement with the Simpcw First Nation will be helpful in reviewing the Traditional Land Use & Ecological Knowledge Study, the Archaeological Impact Assessment and the Socio-Economic Assessment Report. We will give particular consideration to the partial list of concerns set out in the joint News Release issued with the Simpcw First Nation on January 30, 2013.

Recognizing that the review of this information and the additional consultation will require your time and consideration, we are prepared to provide capacity funding of \$25,000 for that purpose. We will provide a cheque for the first half of that funding (\$12,500) at our initial meeting.

We would like to schedule our meeting or meetings with you so that they occur before the end of June 2013. Please let us know the date and location for an initial



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meeting during the weeks of June 17 or June 24. The meeting(s) will also assist us in meeting the Environmental Assessment Office requirements (1(b) and (c) above) of revising our First Nations consultation plan for Application Review, and submitting a report on the meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you and to fulfilling the requirements for additional consultation. We welcome any suggestions with respect to the form and agenda for the meetings, and any comments or suggestions with respect to the summary attached as Schedule A.

Yours truly,

Charlene Higgins, MSc, PhD
Vice President, Environment, Community
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CC: Gerry Hamblin, Project Manager, BCEAO
Zoltan Fabian, Project Manager, CEAA

Schedule A

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References:

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May 30, 2013

Chief Judy Wilson and Council
Neskonlith Indian Band
Box 318
Chase, BC V0E 1M0
Fax No.: 250-679-5306

Dear Chief Wilson:

Re: Additional Consultation Measures

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2013 requesting to arrange for a meeting to discuss the environmental assessment process for the Harper Creek Mine Project. We would like to schedule a meeting before the end of June, and we would be pleased if you would suggest a convenient date and location during the weeks of June 17 or June 24, 2013.

In preparation for the meeting, we would like to reference the letter of May 16, 2013 from the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office. That letter issued a direction requiring us, as the Project Proponent, to undertake the following additional consultation measures:

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At the meeting to be arranged with you, we look forward to addressing the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Office for additional consultation on:

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We hope to gain a better understanding of potential impacts by providing the information we have on past and current Aboriginal interests in the Project area for you to review and consider, and for you to identify any additions to the list of potential impacts, and any other reasonable measures that could be considered for addressing the potential impacts. One issue which we would like to address with you in particular is the Socio-Economic Assessment Report, and any additional information which you are able to provide in connection with that report.



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Recognizing that meeting the requirements of additional consultation will require your time and consideration, we are prepared to provide capacity funding of \$25,000 for that purpose, as well as to provide the information identified in your proposal received via email November 2, 2012. We will provide a cheque for the first half of that funding (\$12,500) at our initial meeting.

The meeting(s) will also assist us in meeting the Environmental Assessment Office requirements (1(b) and (c) above) of revising our First Nations consultation plan for Application Review, and submitting a report on the meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you to address the issues set out in your letter of May 23, 2013, as well as meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Office. We welcome any suggestions with respect to the form and agenda for the meetings, and any comments or suggestions with respect to the summary attached as Schedule A.

Yours truly,

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May 30, 2013

Chief Felix Arnouse and Council
Little Shuswap Indian Band
Box 1100
Chase, BC V0E 1E0
Fax No.: 250-679-3220

Dear Chief Arnouse:

Re: Additional Consultation Measures

As you will be aware, on May 16, 2013, the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office indicated that it would like additional consultation with First Nations in connection with the Harper Creek Mine Project and issued a direction requiring us, as the Proponent, to undertake the following additional consultation measures:

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Recognizing that reviewing the existing information and additional consultation will require your time and consideration, we are prepared to provide capacity funding of \$25,000 for that purpose. We will provide a cheque for the first half of that funding (\$12,500) at our initial meeting.

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