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October 14th, 2014

**RE: Information and Consultation - Environmental Assessment: Howse Property Project**

Dear Chief Qupee,

As you are aware, Howse Minerals Limited (HML) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd (TSMC), signatory to an unincorporated joint venture with TSMC and Labrador Iron Mines (LIM)) proposes to develop the Howse Property Project (the Project) in the Millennium Iron Range. The deposit is located 25 km northwest of Schefferville, Québec (see attached map). The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) has required an environmental assessment (EA) of the Project, and final guidelines were issued in July 2014<sup>1</sup>.

TSMC is currently building and operating the Direct Shipping Ore Project, adjacent to the Project, and will be the operator of the Project to carry-out all technical, management and administrative operations. The construction and operation of the Howse Deposit will rely on existing infrastructure and facilities that were built (or that will soon be built) for the purposes of the DSO Project. Infrastructure already in place includes:

- workers' camp;
- crusher;
- railway;
- mining equipment;
- explosives storage area.

Undertaking the Project will bring about changes to the environment, including one open pit and its related overburden stockpile and waste rock dump and will require the construction of a new road between Timmins 4 pit and the planned Howse deposit, and the installation of crushing facilities.

The Project will also secure continuity of mining projects undertaken by TSMC and LIM respectively, thus allowing the continuation of economic development in the greater Schefferville region, including

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<sup>1</sup> Information relative to the Howse Property Project's environmental evaluation process may be found on the CEAA website: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents-eng.cfm?evaluation=80067>

employment, business opportunities, and other economic spin-offs such as revenue-sharing with Aboriginal groups.

Groupe Hémisphères has been given the mandate by HML to conduct the required environmental assessment (EA). They have been informed of your *Comments on Determination of the Requirement for an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Howse Property Iron Mine Consultation and Accommodation* that were communicated to the CEAA and to the Proponent in May, 2014. The concerns expressed in this letter will be addressed in the EA.

The consultation process for the EA has recently begun and any other comments or concerns that your organization may have regarding the Project are sought. Your comments will be included in the EA. Of particular interest are comments regarding potential project effects (negative or positive), ideas for mitigation measures, or views on cumulative effects.

We respectfully request that you provide your comments and questions by **November 17th, 2014**, to:

Ms. Geneviève Dionne  
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Best regards,

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October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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