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Dear Ministers Bell and Krueger,

Re: 60-Day Notice Expiring Sunday September 9, 2007

I am writing to inform you that the 60-day notice I provided in person at our meeting of July 9, 2007 is about to end. At this meeting I presented a number of critical issues that needed to be dealt with prior to mining permits being handed out all over Takla's traditional territory. Our Territory continues to be carved up by roads and tenures as we sit in a Treaty Process intended to solve the land in question. Since this Notice was provided, I have received several letters from you and your departments that commit nothing to changing this unacceptable situation. I am now forced to provide you with confirmation that the 60-day notice is still in effect. However, Takla will be extending the Notice by 48 hours to provide you with time to respond to us meaningfully. Therefore, the Ministry of Lands and the Ministry of Mines has until midnight Wednesday September 12, 2007 to provide us with details about exactly how your Ministries will respond to our requests, or we will be forced to continue with our actions as planned.

The critical issues that prevent meaningful consultation or accommodation on mining permits continue to exist despite our Nation's objections for several years. Mining exploration permits continue to be granted by the MEMPR after general and specific objections were made by our Nation. We have aboriginal title, rights and interests to our traditional territory and these lands in question. The Mineral Titles Online and the mining permit referrals system allows proponents to stake interests on disputed land and your Ministries then refuse to meaningful consult and accommodate us about exactly where and how these proponents will operate. This will no longer happen.

In addition to this problem, our Territory is littered with the contaminated waste of previous industrial activity, especially mining. Until a joint program to meaningfully address monitoring and reclamation is funded, we are not in a position to allow

exploration. This is a problem considering just how mineral rich our unceded land is and the level of activity that exists in our Territory.

Our concerns are not new to the Ministry of Mines or the Ministry of Lands. In March and again on June 23, 2006, Takla representatives met with Regional Director Tom Kearns about the Omineca watershed that was severely impacted when a berm at Tse Ta Bun burst and dredged an entire creek system, depositing unchecked amounts of sediment into the Omineca River. This berm was left from the Ogden Jade Mine that operated there many years ago. No one regularly monitors this site and subsequently, the dam failure was not prevented. Since this time, the recommended actions to prevent further destruction of this aquatic habitat were never undertaken by the Ministry of Mines. This spring, further sediments were deposited into our rivers and impacted our fisheries values.

At the meeting with Tom Kearns, a number of other issues were brought forward including how meaningful consultation and joint decision-making were not achieved through your current referrals process, how revenue-sharing needed to begin immediately, how funds were needed to allow for meaningful consultation and joint decision-making, how environmental monitoring and reclamation were needed throughout the Territory, and how some areas like the Bear Property were not suitable for mining. Finally, the Ministry of Mines was informed that archaeological sites continue to be threatened because the Ministry of Mines has no policy or process to have archaeological overview assessments (AOAs) or archaeological impact assessments (AIAs) prior to development. This problem has already resulted in archaeological sites being destroyed by road building.

Further to this, a meeting took place between Minister of State Bill Bennett and Takla representatives on July 4, 2006. At this meeting, a proposal was tabled that identified five key areas that needed to change if the mining industry wanted certainty: a Tse Keh Nay Mining Office and capacity funding, a consultation and joint decision-making mining protocol, pre-permit archaeological investigations, economic opportunities and revenue-sharing, support to protect spiritual and highly-valued areas through joint landuse planning, and reclamation and monitoring of contaminated sites and abandoned mine sites.

Since 2006, Takla and the Tse Keh Nay have continued to raise concerns and objections to your Ministries' 'business-as-usual' approach. Some of these letters have been regarding specific referrals like the Bear Property tenured by Imperial Metals that are not acceptable to us. Other letters have continued to remind your Ministries of the broader issues that need to be set right before permits continue to be granted. Neither specific objections from the Tse Keh Nay communities nor broader objections regarding the failure of the referrals process or environmental monitoring have been meaningfully responded to. Takla no longer expects your Ministries to take us seriously and we are now prepared to take matters into our own hands. The expiration of the 60-day Notice on Wednesday September 12th will involve one of a number of escalating actions that are planned. Takla may extend these actions into next season's exploration activities.

The Tse Keh Nay Chiefs were optimistic in April 17th, 2007 when they met with you in Victoria. You acknowledged the need for joint land-use planning, meaningful consultation and environmental monitoring and reclamation. Since then, we have tried to ensure your departments follow up on the commitments you made, including a 2-3 year budget for reclamation and monitoring. In your last letter to us, you did not even mention the impasse over a consultation and joint-decision making protocol or why your Ministry will not follow through with the funding as promised. This makes no sense to us and is part of the reason why we have no reason to think your government's approach will change.

This problem lies with you, not with the companies themselves. However, companies need to realize that they are operating on land that has never been ceded and until a treaty is in place, they will need to come to us to get permission to be on the land.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Takla Hereditary Chiefs

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