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Hon. Robert Nault, P.C., M.P. Minister of DIAND 10 Wellington St. Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

RE: Northrock Resources Ltd. Application for Permit

My name is David Etchinelle of Tulita, N.T. My family has had harvested the Stewart Lake area for many years and we had build a cabin back in 1975. We are still harvesting this area for our livelihood.

We have concerns to Northrock Resources Ltd, proposed staging site at Keele River and access route to Stewart Lake area for their drilling project. We do not feel it is right for them to request permits for this route when they do or did have permits for staging site at the Little Bear River and access route from this staging site for the last project. We have requested that they use the existing staging site at Little Bear River because we are concerned about additional road to be open and we don't think that any more roads should be open than is necessary. Northrock Resources Ltd. is aware of our concerns but they choose to ahead and apply for permits to use another way to reach their destination. Northrock Resources Ltd. application for permit was referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Empact Review Board because the Tulita leaders and our family are concern about this change in staging site and access route.

We understand that the MVEIRB is approving the application for permit and sending it off to your office for signature. We are presenting this matter to you, as the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to consider our concerns before you sign the documents.

We wish to express our appreciation for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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