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Dear Mr. Etienne:

Thank you for your February 8, 2013 email regarding the granting of Reclamation Permit MX-4-646 for the Maggie property.

I understand that the aforementioned permit was issued to Constantia Resources Ltd., an affiliated company of Hunter Dickenson Inc., on November 29, 2012.

As you are aware, it is the provincial government's obligation to consult with First Nations regarding any activity which may impact First Nations' interests prior to making a decision regarding an approval or permit to carry out the activity. In that regard, a letter dated September 25, 2012 was issued to Chief and Council of the Bonaparte Indian Band (Band) advising of the exploration proposal and requesting information regarding Band interests in the area.

I understand information was put forward by the Chief and Council and a Band member regarding possible impacts of the mineral exploration program on the Band's interests. Prior to making a decision regarding the proposal, the decision-maker must consider the concerns raised and, where necessary, appropriate accommodations and/or mitigations are considered. In issuing an approval and reclamation permit, the decision-maker must be sure that appropriate concerns have been addressed.

By copy of this letter, I am informing our Kamloops office of your concern. Should you wish to follow up on the approval and reclamation permit and how the conditions of the permit address the concerns of the Band, please contact Mr. Joe Seguin, Regional Director, Health, Safety and Permitting Branch, Mines and Mineral Resources Division. Mr. Seguin can be reached at 250-828-4448 or Joe.Seguin@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you, again, for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman
Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
and Deputy Premier