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File: JAG-2014-00677
Your File: 9218-0001

June 25, 2014

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.
Your request is for:

“All records relating to the claims and analysis of the strength for the claims of aboriginal rights, including title, made by the Lhoosk'uz Dene First Nation and Ulkatcho First Nation, and the seriousness of potential impacts upon the respective first nations' asserted rights, to the lands and resources that comprise New Gold Inc.'s Blackwater gold and silver mine; The request as it relates to the mine includes associated mineral claims, ore processing facilities, infrastructure, access roads, power facilities and other physical facilities and any other activity undertaken in relation to the mine; All policies, manuals, memoranda, reports, opinions, plans, contract, evaluations, reasons for decision, agreements, correspondence, inquiries, application, circulars, notices, advertisements, statistics, models and maps. Date range from January 1, 2011 to [May 14, 2014].”

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 14 (Legal advice), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), and 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Alan Hughes, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-7673. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 387-7673.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hudson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vicki Hudson, Manager
Justice / Social Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.