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Here are the final bullets for today's meeting.

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**Subject:** MEETING: Minister Fraser & Mining Day Delegation  
**When:** February 24, 2020 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Minister Fraser's office, Room 323 - Legislative Building

Change of plans—Doug won't join (he'll have his own meeting with a different delegation at 10:15 – 11 AM.

Delegation attendees:

- Jody Shimkus, HD Mining International
- Andrew MacRitchie, Skeena Resources Limited
- Kevin Frame, Mining Suppliers Association of BC
- Scott Davidson, New Gold Inc.
- David Lortie, Anglo American - Peace River Coal

## BULLETS

**DATE:** February 19, 2020

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

**REGARDING:** Meeting with senior mining sector representatives regarding Mining Day sponsored by the Mineral Association of BC (MABC)

### SUMMARY:

- The Mining Association of BC (MABC) organizes an annual Mining Day at the Legislature where representatives from British Columbia's major mining companies, advanced projects, and mining supply sector come to Victoria to meet with members of the Provincial government to discuss the role of mining in BC.
- MABC is the voice of mining in British Columbia, represents the collective needs and interests of operating coal, metal and industrial mineral producers, as well as advanced development companies in the province. Their mandate is to encourage the safe development and operation of mining and related facilities across British Columbia.
- Mining is a valued industry in BC, and the northwest represents some of the highest calibre hard rock mining deposits and potential in the world.
- Over the past few months, DM Doug Caul met with the MABC President and Policy Committee on several occasions to discuss some of their concerns about the Declaration legislation and how it would affect the mining sector.
- MABC also expressed that they would like to work with the Ministry to better understand the implications of the legislation as they feel there will be major policy changes in the short-term that could affect the investment climate within their sector.

### KEY MESSAGES:

#### *Mining in BC*

- BC recognizes and values our commitment to indigenous reconciliation, and the mining industry has and does play a key leadership role in this important work.
- As of November 2019, there have been 36 signed Economic and Community Development Agreements (ECDAs) between government and First Nations for sharing the direct mineral tax revenue on new mines and major mine expansions.
- These ECDAs were signed with 46 First Nations for 20 mines and revenue shared to-date from 2008 forward is over \$97.95M.
- First Nations represent approximately 7% of the labour force in mining and in 2018, 120 Indigenous-affiliated suppliers provided materials, goods or services to BC's 17 operating mines, valued at \$265 million.

- More than 30% of the workforce for each of the Bruce Jack and Red Chris mines in Northern BC is Indigenous.
- The BC Regional Mining Alliance (BC RMA) is a northwest regional partnership between Indigenous groups (Tahltan Central Government and Nisga'a Lisims Government), industry and provincial government representatives. The BC RMA is a collaborative effort that welcomes the opportunity to share our success stories from grassroots exploration, through permitting and into operations, from the perspective of all partners across the sector.
- This government is committed to exploring collaborative reconciliation approaches with Tahltan and industry that support exploration and development, while respecting Tahltan rights, interests and self-determination.

#### *British Columbia's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*

- B.C. is the first jurisdiction in Canada to pass law to implement the UN Declaration and other jurisdictions may follow.
- The Declaration Act was co-developed in partnership with the First Nations Leadership Council and mandates B.C. to:
  - bring provincial laws into alignment with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration), in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous peoples in B.C.; and
  - develop an action plan to meet the objectives of the UN Declaration, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples and with transparency and accountability.
- The Declaration Act includes a commitment to transparency and accountability through annual reporting to the legislature.
- In addition, the Declaration Act allows the Province and Indigenous governments to enter into agreements for decision-making between Indigenous governments and the Province on matters that directly affect Indigenous peoples.
- The Declaration Act does not give legal force and effect attached to the UN Declaration or any of its 46 articles, nor does it create new rights. Courts currently refer to the UN Declaration as an interpretive aid and the Act does not alter this.
- The Declaration Act does not provide for the ability to veto a decision on resource development projects nor will it result in re-opening existing permits or certificates or affect current regulatory timelines. The Province retains the authority for making decisions in the public interest.
- Indigenous peoples and their respective organizations are our partners in this work, and there will be a transparent process to communicate the implementation activities to the public and stakeholders including the mining sector.

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