

MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS
AND RECONCILIATION
BRIEFING NOTE

Date: September 12, 2013
Ref. No. 32535

File: 280-20

- I Prepared for the **INFORMATION** of Honourable John Rustad, Minister
- II ISSUE:

Meeting with Allen Edzerza, First Nations Chiefs (list TBC), FN Energy and Mining Council Representative (TBC) – meeting includes Minister Coleman and DM Doyle

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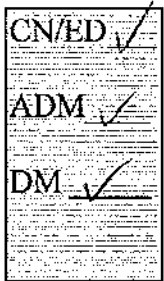
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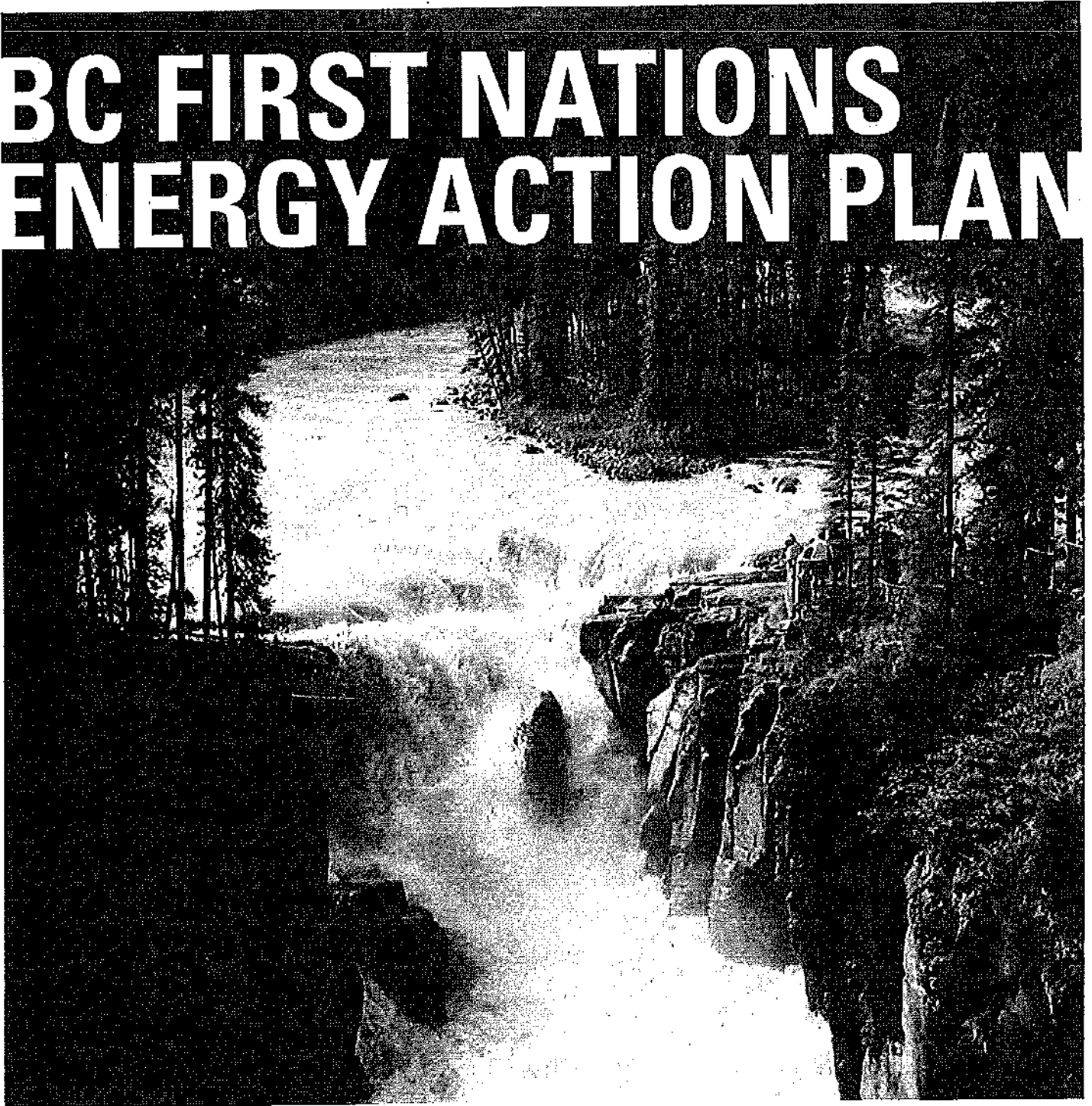
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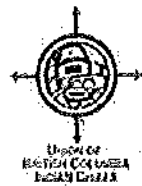
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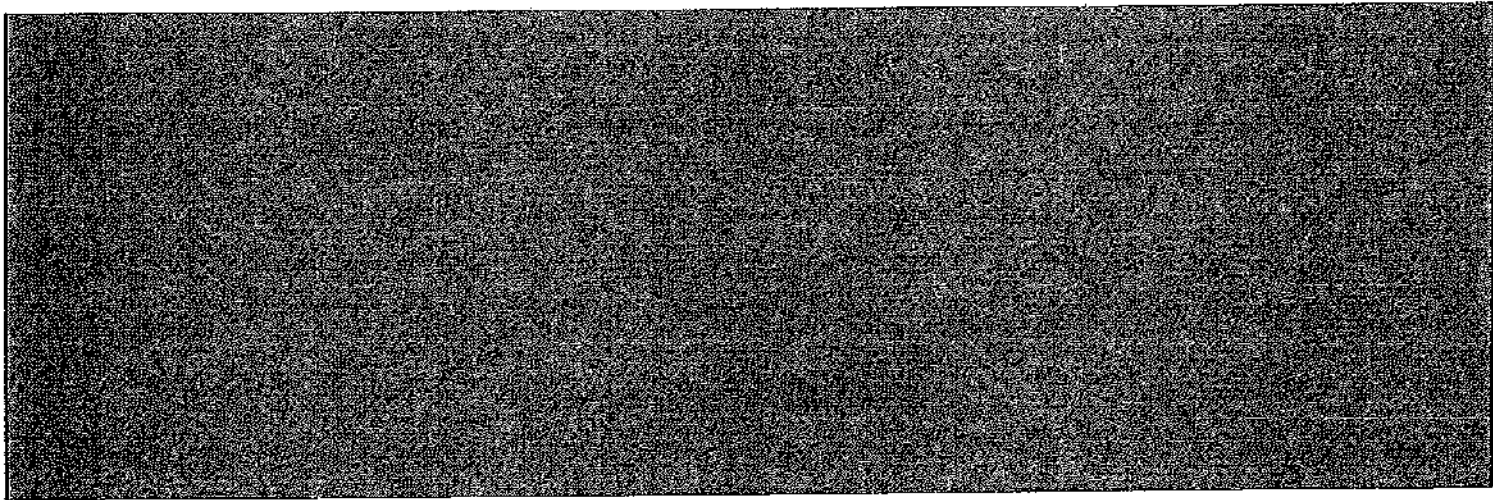
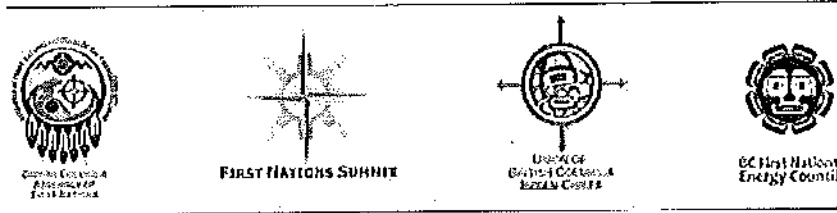
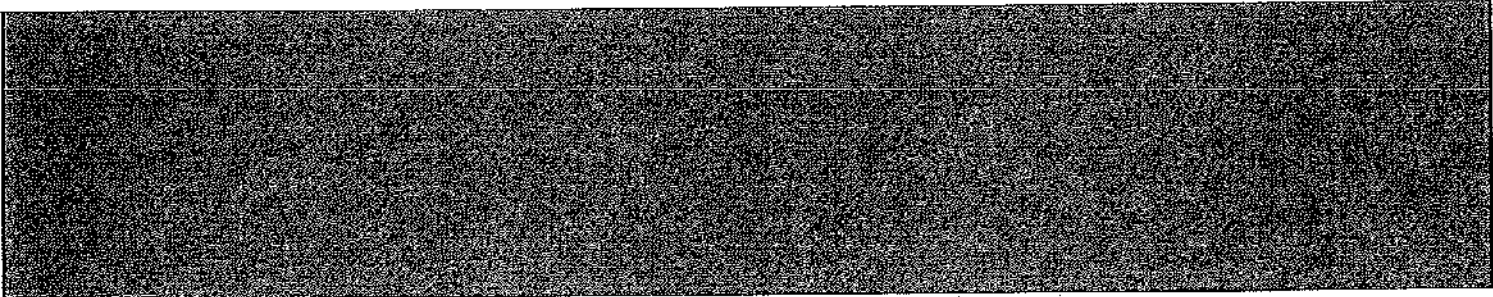


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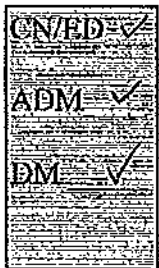
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Estimates Note

Aboriginal Business Investment Council

I. ISSUE: Aboriginal Business Investment Council - Progress and Priorities

II. TALKING POINTS

- **The Aboriginal Business Investment Council (ABIC) is a cornerstone of the BC Jobs Plan.**
- **The ABIC will play an important role in improving relationships between aboriginal communities, industry and government to implement practical measures for economic development.**
- **The Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JTST) has primary responsibility for support and funding of the ABIC; however, MARR will play an important role in facilitating the work of the ABIC.**
- **Congratulations to the ABIC on their "Success through Sharing" Symposium in December as well as their upcoming "Playbook", an online tool to promote best practices for doing business with Aboriginal communities.**

III. KEY POINTS AND BACKGROUND:

The ABIC is currently made up of eleven representatives (see attachment) from business and Aboriginal communities. The chair is Chief Ellis B. Ross (Haisla) who is also on the BC Jobs and Investment Board. The ABIC is contemplating a formal seat for a British Columbia Business Council (BCBC) representative.

ABIC members have been selected for their understanding of business, Aboriginal cultures, relationship building and successful business models.

The ABIC is mandated to help improve Aboriginal participation in the economy and to promote economic certainty in the province by encouraging economic growth in Aboriginal communities.

The focus of the ABIC is economic development. The Council **will not** address Aboriginal rights and title.

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The ABIC's major strategic objectives are to advance Aboriginal peoples' participation in the economy by:

- Identifying successful investment models;
- Providing investors with tools to engage and partner with Aboriginal people;
- Providing expert advice on Aboriginal economic development policy; and,
- Developing relations between Aboriginal communities, industry and government.

The ABIC has successfully delivered a "Success through Sharing" Symposium (December 2012) which brought together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders to showcase successful partnership ventures.

The ABIC is currently developing an online playbook which will highlight successful First Nations Business ventures and business partnerships throughout the province so other Aboriginal communities can use them as a guide to further their economic initiatives.

JTST provides secretariat services for ABIC. The Ministry has allocated \$290,000 this fiscal year for ABIC activities.

MARR is actively engaging with the ABIC. In particular, MARR is promoting stronger partnerships with the BCBC and ABIC as well as participating in development of a First Nation economic development database.

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Attachment

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Baird, Kimberley C.	Tsawwassen First Nation
Bellis, Arnold R.	Chief Executive Officer and President of Gwaii Wood Products
Gottfriedson, Shane	Chief, Kamloops Indian Band (Tk'emlups te Secwepemc)
Harris, Roger B.	Principal, Harris Palmer Consultancy Firm Former MLA for Skeena
Kruger, Jonathan J.	Chief, Penticton Indian Band
Macfarlane, Fiona J.	Managing Partner, Vancouver and Western Canada and Chief Inclusiveness Officer, Ernst & Young
McInnes, Donald A.	Executive Vice Chairman, Alterra Power Corporation
Orr, Derek D.	Chief, McLeod Lake Indian Band
Peltier, Sidney A.	Owner and President of White River Helicopters Inc. and Pelair Helicopters. Vice President of the Northwest BC Metis Association.
Ross, Ellis B.	Chair of ABIC Chief Councillor, Haisla Nation
2 Vacant Positions	

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First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) request for China Desk

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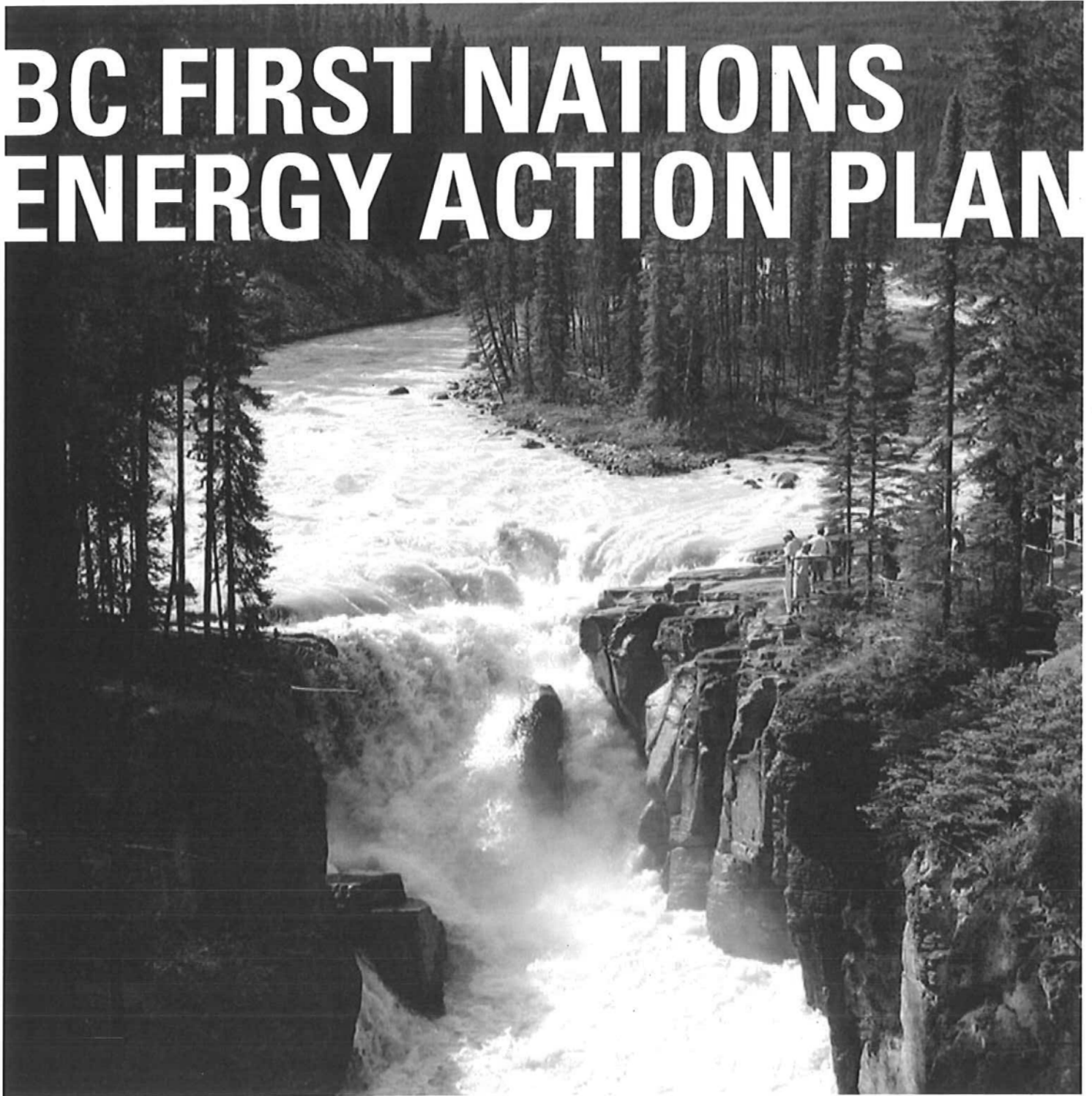
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