



McLeod Lake Indian Band

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Re: **McLeod Lake Indian Band Support for Sukunka Mine Project**

I write on behalf of McLeod Lake Indian Band (“**MLIB**”) to express MLIB’s support for the Sukunka Mine Project, as described in the draft Certified Project Description dated August 2, 2022¹ (the “**Project**”). The Project is proposed by Boreas Coal Limited (the “**Proponent**”) within MLIB’s Territory.

As you know, MLIB is a signatory to Treaty No. 8, and holds constitutionally protected Aboriginal and Treaty rights, title, interests and jurisdiction in and to its Territory, including, but not limited to, rights to occupy, use, govern and protect its Territory (including the lands and waters therein) for social, cultural, spiritual, economic and other purposes (collectively, “**MLIB Rights**”).

For clarity, MLIB’s support of the Project does not preclude MLIB from participating in any ongoing or future regulatory processes, including consultation undertaken by the Crown, where such participation is undertaken in good faith and with the objective of identifying and mitigating the potential impact of any Project activities on MLIB, its members, or MLIB Rights. Further, MLIB’s support should not be construed to be a waiver by MLIB of any fiduciary duty or obligation of the Crown to MLIB or its members, including with respect to MLIB Rights or any obligation to consult and accommodate with regards to the Project.

Sincerely,



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¹ Available online:

[https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/62e45d25f5ac9400226c381b/download/Draft%20Schedule%20A Certified%20Project%20Description.pdf](https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/62e45d25f5ac9400226c381b/download/Draft%20Schedule%20A%20Certified%20Project%20Description.pdf).