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May 11, 2011

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Dear Ms. Walli,

**Re: EB-2011-0106
Goldcorp's Section 92 Harry's Corner to Balmertown TS Transmission Line
Application and Prefiled Evidence**

Goldcorp is in receipt of the letter dated May 9, 2011, from Keshen Major, counsel for Lac Seul First Nations (*LSFN*), requesting intervener status in this proceeding.

Goldcorp will deal with *LSFN*'s request for an oral hearing once *LSFN* provides the Board with its reasons why an oral hearing rather than a hearing in writing is needed for this Application.

With respect to the statement:

To date, neither the Crown nor the applicant (as a delegate of the Crown for this purpose) has discharged this duty [to consult] to LSFN with respect of this proposed project. This continues to be the case despite the fact that consultation and accommodation must occur at the earliest possible stage, or at the strategic planning stage, of any proposed project.,

Goldcorp wishes to provide the Board with the enclosed consultation-correspondence between Goldcorp and *LSFN* since June 2010. This correspondence comes from Goldcorp's Environmental Study Report prepared under the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities and under the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development, both prepared for the facilities for which leave-to-construct is sought in the Application.

This correspondence shows that on June 21, 2010, Goldcorp's consultant informed *LSFN* that Goldcorp intended to construct the subject project, provided a key map showing the general corridor of the transmission line and requested a meeting. She followed up this request on June 22nd, 2010. On August 16, 2010, she sent a letter requesting *LSFN* to attend a meeting of potentially affected parties with suggested dates. On October 26th, 2010 *LSFN* responded by letter and provided comments on the project. On November 18th, 2010, Goldcorp replied to that letter. On January 21, 2011, Goldcorp's consultant provided *LSFN* with a Project Update.

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In addition, as disclosed in Exhibit B, Tab 6, Schedule 7 of the Application, on February 8, 2011 Goldcorp's consultant informed *LSFN* that Goldcorp had completed its Environmental Study Report and that a First Nation owned company would be contracted for clearing and grubbing of the right of way.

Goldcorp and *LSFN* continue to consult.

Yours truly,

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From: Shea, Mary
Sent: June 21, 2010 11:44 AM
To: Chris Angecone (cangecone@lsfn.ca)
Cc: Desiree Wilkins; David Gelderland; Lindley, Stephen; Shankar, Pappur
Subject: 062423-4ECC-LS-001 Planning for Community Meeting Regarding Goldcorp Proposed 115 kV line Harry's Corner to Balmer Station Substation

Attachments: RedLakeBaseMap-Key Plan ESR11x17_1-200000_3.pdf
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Please see the attached key map showing the general corridor for the proposed 8.5 km transmission line.

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Look forward to speaking to you.

Thanks

Regards

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Cc: Desiree Wilkins; David Gelderland; Lindley, Stephen; Shankar, Pappur; cangecone@lsfn.ca
Subject: FW: 062423-4ECC-LS-002 Planning for Engagement Regarding Goldcorp Proposed 115 kV line Harry's Corner to Balmer Station Substation

Attachments: RedLakeBaseMap-Key Plan ESR11x17_1-200000_3.pdf
Hello Mr. Manitowabi

We have been trying for a while to obtain input in planning the Lac Seul community engagement program regarding the proposed Goldcorp 115 kV transmission line from Harry's Corner to Balmerstation Substation. This includes phone messages as well as the recent email below and a follow up phone call today to Mr. Angecone. The office staff indicated that Mr. Angecone would be out of the office for a few days.

It is important that we tailor the community engagement program to meet the needs of Lac Seul. Schedule is becoming a concern. Given Mr. Angecone's lack of availability, could we please contact you instead? Is there a good time to call you? Please indicate.


Otherwise, who you recommend us contacting for input?

Thank you in advance for assisting us in this matter.

Regards

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Subject: Goldcorp Gold Mine Power Supply Transmission Line (TC) Harry's Corner- Balmer Complex (Balmertown TC): Availability for Initial Meeting

Attachments: 2-Letter to Lac Seul regarding Initial MeetingAugust15Rev1.pdf

Hello Mr. Angeconeb

Please find attached a letter addressed to Chief Bull and Council regarding Goldcorp Inc.'s proposed new 115 kV electric transmission line (10 to 11 km) from near Harry's Corner to Goldcorp's Balmer complex. The primary purpose of the letter is to find out if you can be available to meet in Red Lake with other potentially affected parties on **Monday, August 30, 2010** (and/or, as a backup, **Wednesday, September 15, 2010**) to discuss the project. Otherwise we are requesting you suggest another date in the near future which you could be available?

A quick email regarding your availability would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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September 16, 2010

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Attention: Chief Clifford Bull and Members of Council

**Re: Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study Goldcorp Gold Mine Power
Supply Transmission Line Harry's Corner to Balmer Complex (Balmertown
Transmission Line) – Invitation to First Nations' Meeting and PIC**

Dear Chief Bull and Members of the Council,

Further to our earlier correspondence, please see attached the Notice of Commencement and Notice of a Public Information Centre (PIC):

Date: **Thursday September 30, 2010**
Time: **2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 pm**
Location: **Red Lake Heritage Centre in Red Lake**

We would like to invite you to a meeting for First Nations prior to the PIC. This meeting will be also held on **September 30** at the **Red Lake Heritage Centre**, at **10:00 am**. Lunch will be provided following the morning meeting to facilitate participants to attend the PIC.

The purpose of the morning meeting is to provide you with a preview of the information to be presented at the PIC later that day and to obtain your input. The PIC will provide an overview of the project and design, the Class EA process and preliminary findings of ecological baseline studies as well as future steps of the project.

Goldcorp is willing to reimburse you for meeting and travel expenses relating to this project.



We would appreciate if you could let us know by email or phone if you will be attending the morning meeting. Furthermore, we request that you post the attached Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre at your band office.

If you have any questions please contact either of the below:

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We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

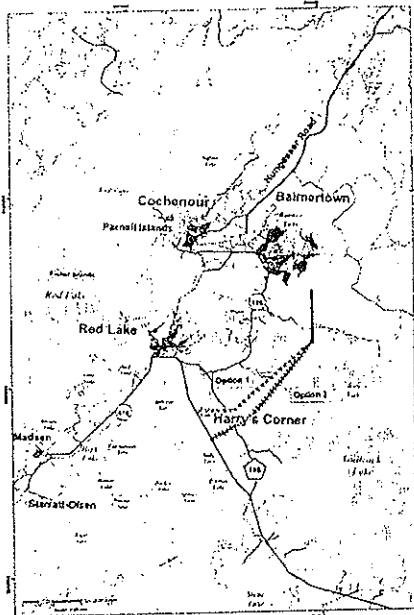
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Enclosures: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre



NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) STUDY
GOLDCORP GOLD MINE POWER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION LINE
HARRY'S CORNER TO BALMER COMPLEX



Goldcorp Inc. is proposing in 2011 to start construction of a new 115 kV electric transmission line: Harry's Corner to Goldcorp's Balmer complex in Balmertown, northeast of Red Lake community (roughly 10-11 km). A new 115/44 kV transformer sub-station (50X85m) and control building (8X5m) at Balmer complex and a new line tap and disconnect switch at Harry's Corner are also required. The study area is roughly 1 km in width, widening at the southern end to include both options.

Background & Project Purpose

Goldcorp owns and operates Red Lake Gold Mines. Current operational power demand on the existing 43 megavolt ampere (MVA) supply system is reaching capacity. Goldcorp plans to improve and expand its operations. The proposed transmission line is intended to ensure power for existing and future operations.

The Process

This Notice of Commencement is to inform First Nation and other community members and interested parties that an environmental study of the proposed Goldcorp Power Supply Project is being initiated. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) guidelines require such projects to complete an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities" (Hydro One, 1992), as approved under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act (URL: http://www.hydroone.com/Projects/Documents/class_ea.pdf).

Goldcorp Inc. has retained SNC-Lavalin Environment, assisted by Northern Bioscience, to conduct the study. The process will include: 2 rounds of community consultations; agency consultations; alternative analysis; impact assessment and mitigation; preparation of a Class EA Environmental Study Report (ESR) which will be made available for a 30-day public review period; and posting a Notice of Completion.

Should issues arise in the course of the Class EA process, and Goldcorp cannot satisfy expressed opposition to the project, then a written objection and bump-up request could be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment for decision as to whether the project should proceed as a Class EA or require an individual EA.

Public Information Centre (PIC)

Goldcorp is committed to consulting with First Nations and other community members, government agencies and other stakeholders and is planning to hold a Public Information Centre on Thursday, September 30, 2010 between 2:00 PM-4:00 PM and 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the Red Lake Heritage Centre in Red Lake.

For further information or to provide comments, please contact either of the following:

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Information will be collected and used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, solely for the purposes of assisting Goldcorp in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the Public Record.



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Attention: Chief Clifford Bull

Dear Chief Bull;

**RE: GOLDCORP PROPOSED BALMERTOWN POWER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION LINE
HARRY'S CORNER - BALMER COMPLEX - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Thank you for your letter dated October 26, 2010. I provided a copy of your letter to Goldcorp and understand that they will be consulting directly with you regarding this matter.

In the interim, for your information, please see attached a copy of the Project Description which has been in preparation over the last number of weeks. It provides a detailed description of the project and includes some preliminary baseline information and mitigation. The Project Description has been circulated to a number of stakeholders, including First Nations and government agencies (see list). In addition to the hard copy, we have enclosed a CD copy. Please note that the Project Description contains two large figures (Figures 1 and 2) which follow the text.

The Environmental Study Report will contain much of what is in the attached Project Description however it will incorporate changes resulting from comments received on the Project Description. It will also document the consultation process and present the environmental impact assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. We hope to be meeting with you soon regarding the project.

Once again thank you. With respect and warmest regards.

Respectively truly,
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October 26, 2010

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Attention: Mary L. Shea, Senior Environmental Planner/Biologist

RE: First Nation Consultation
Proposed 115kV Transmission Line (Red Lake area) "Harry's Corner" to
Balmertown
Provision of Support to Analyze Project Plan Information

On behalf of the membership of the Lac Seul First Nation, I am writing this letter to outline the First Nation's consultation and accommodation requirements with respect to the 115kV transmission line extension from Highway 105 at Harry's Corner to the Goldcorp Red Lake Gold Mines operation at Balmertown, being undertaken by your client, Goldcorp.

As you know, this project will take place within our traditional territory and will invariably have impacts on the exercise of our Treaty and Aboriginal rights. For this reason, LSFN needs to ensure that consultation for this project occurs on an appropriate basis, and where appropriate, your client, Goldcorp, is willing and able to provide adequate accommodation.

Should consultation take place for this project, Lac Seul First Nation ("LSFN") deems this to be a singular process that does not discharge the broader requirement for LSFN consultation and accommodation with respect to Goldcorp projects and activities in the Red Lake area. As such, this process will in no way equate to adequate consultation or consent with respect to any other infrastructure development projects or activities of the project proponent, Goldcorp, in the Red Lake area.

LSFN adheres to the following principles and objectives in our approach to consultation and accommodation:

- To maintain the distinct spiritual relationship with our reserve lands and traditional territories that is inexorably linked to our survival as Anishinaabeg, and through which we can preserve our knowledge systems, laws, language, and culture.
- To preserve our tradition of sustainable development of lands, waters, wildlife, plant life and resources for past, present, and future generations.
- To respect our laws which ensure environmental conservation and both short- and long-term preservation of the land to which we are linked.

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- To respect that our traditional territories and societies are communal in nature and that we rely on individual and collective knowledge to maintain the ecosystem on which our collective survival depends.
- To respect the sharing of lands and resources committed to through treaty.

It has been the experience of Lac Seul First Nation that successful consultation and accommodation exercises incorporate several overarching principles. These principles, and examples of their application in this process, include the following:

- 1) Mutual Respect
 - Differing values
 - Timelines
 - Each parties' constraints and investments
- 2) Clarity
 - Of information (i.e. plain language) and consideration of the intended audience when developing materials and selecting consultation techniques.
- 3) Purpose
 - How, when, and what decisions can and cannot be influenced
 - Mandate, roles, and stake in development
 - How information will be used and owned
- 4) Transparency
 - Sufficient information for meaningful and constructive participation and consideration of values
 - How participation informs the outcome of final decisions
- 5) Flexibility
 - For cultural and linguistic translation requirements
 - For changing needs
- 6) Trust
 - Following through on commitments made
 - Building future relationships
- 7) Certainty
 - Defined beginning and end of process
 - Use of a single coordinated process

The process for consultation and accommodation for Lac Seul First Nation must be separate and distinct from that for other stakeholders, because our First Nation has separate and distinct rights, interests, and concerns with regard to any impacts on our traditional territory.

Lac Seul First Nation wants to participate in, and promote, development within its traditional territory. As such, clearly-defined objectives are crucial to a successful consultation process. In this particular instance, the following consultation objectives apply:

- 1) To gather input from interested parties regarding the level and nature of their interest in order to better plan First Nation participation activities related to the upcoming Environmental Screening.
- 2) To obtain local and traditional knowledge to enhance your understanding of the environmental, cultural and socio-economic setting (i.e., baseline data) of the proposed project for use in the scoping of the project for Environmental Screening.

We anticipate that subsequent steps in the consultation would include the following:

- 1) Conduct Analysis and Prepare Screening Report

- a) To understand the views, and reasons behind the views, of the interested parties regarding the potential environmental effects.
- b) To solicit input or views regarding potential alternatives and mitigation measures to reduce environmental effects.
- c) To work with interested parties to resolve a topic-specific issue.
- 2) Review Environmental Screening Report
 - a) To obtain comments on the Environmental Screening Report to verify whether information in the report is accurate, representative, and adequate.
 - b) To provide feedback to interested parties about how their input, views, issues and concerns have been considered in the Environmental Screening process.
- 3) Make Environmental Assessment Decision
 - a) To inform the interested parties of the Environmental Assessment decision, how their input was used, and next steps.

To achieve the initial objectives of this particular consultation, as set out above, Lac Seul First Nation requires that the consultation workplan, provided as Appendix 'A' to this letter, be adopted and agreed to by Goldcorp.

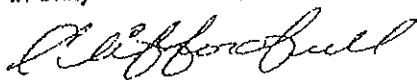
In accordance with Appendix 'A', the consultation process for this project will thus proceed as follows:

1. An initial 'consultation engagement' meeting be held with your company, the proponent, and the appropriate Crown ministry representatives;
2. A second meeting, to conduct the baseline data surveys of our Band membership;
3. A third party review of the engineering and financial aspects of the project, to be conducted concurrently with your sub-consultant's archaeological assessment. Once your sub-consultant's assessment is completed, LSFN will require a third party review of those results; and
4. Finally, another consultation meeting, by which time LSFN will have been able to determine and articulate a level of support for the proposed project.

An estimate of costs associated with this workplan, which must be borne by the project proponent as an accommodation to this process, is provided for your review as Appendix 'B'.

We look forward to your response, and hope to work with you in the future.

In Unity and Success,



Chief Clifford Bull
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January 21, 2011

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Attention: Chief Clifford Bull

Dear Chief Bull;

**RE: GOLDCORP PROPOSED BALMERTOWN POWER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION LINE
HARRY'S CORNER - BALMER COMPLEX**

Thank you for your letter addressed to SNC-Lavalin Inc. (dated October 26, 2010) which, on November 8th 2010, was hand-delivered to SNC-Lavalin's booth at the Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association Annual Conference in Winnipeg. Goldcorp Inc. (Goldcorp) has since been endeavoring to arrange for an initial meeting with Lac Seul regarding the contents of the letter and the determination of a mutually agreeable path forward.

Goldcorp acknowledges your statement that *"Should consultation take place for this project, Lac Seul First Nation ("LSFN") deems this to be a singular process that does not discharge the broader requirement for LSFN consultation and accommodation with respect to Goldcorp projects and activities in the Red Lake area."* Like LSFN, we do not want the schedule demands associated with Goldcorp's increasing power requirements and this proposed Project (i.e., Balmertown Power Supply Transmission Line), in particular, to rush the important exercise of long term, positive relationship building between Goldcorp and LSFN, including current and future initiatives, including other infrastructure development projects or activities in the Red Lake area.

In addition to formally acknowledging receipt of your correspondence (dated October 26, 2010), the purpose of this letter is to provide a project update and to discuss a possible path forward that may meet LSFN's and Goldcorp's requirements for the Balmertown Power Supply Transmission Line.

Project Update

As per the information that we have been providing to you, the **"Project"** entails a proposed 10.7 Km, 115 Kv transmission line from a new, to-be-constructed switchyard at Harry's Corner, across the Chukuni River and terminating at a new, to-be-constructed, step-down transformer station to be located at Goldcorp's Balmer complex, all within the Municipality of Red Lake. This new transmission line must be in service by late 2011 or at the latest by early 2012 in order to ensure that Goldcorp has sufficient electricity to power the needs of its production plan for its Red Lake gold mines.



Assuming that Project schedule milestones can be achieved, the Project represents a number of tangible benefits to Lac Seul First Nation, including:

- Preferential selection of contractor(s) with First Nations/local component;
- Training of workers, including certification and licences, as required;
- Employment opportunities this winter as part of the clearing and grubbing operations in preparation for construction activities;
- Employment opportunities late summer and fall of 2011 participating in construction during the building of the transmission line and transformer station;
- Improved future employment opportunities gained through experience and training;
- Indirect economic benefits, including through the purchase of local goods and services.

A key milestone for meeting the Project schedule is the clearing and grubbing of the right of way during winter 2011 because, as you are aware, there are significant environmental advantages to clearing during the winter season, including:

- Minimizing erosion/sediment impacts, including impacts on the aquatic environment;
- Reducing soil compaction and its long term impact on soil quality;
- Avoiding impacts on any transient caribou during calving season;
- Avoiding impacts on bald eagle breeding /nesting season, given existing eagle nests along the Chukuni River;
- Avoiding impacts on migratory birds during the breeding bird period;
- Avoiding impacts on ground nesting birds during breeding season;
- Facilitating the work being done by clearing/grubbing crews.

Given the schedule requirements, we have been compelled to continue with the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process while keeping LSFN apprised of developments and continuing to attempt to set up meetings with LSFN.

Since our initial attempts in the summer of 2010 to arrange for a meeting with LSFN regarding the proposed Project, work on the Project has been ongoing. The Project status at the time of the receipt of your letter (dated October 26, 2010) can be summarized as the following:

- Terrestrial environment field studies were conducted by Northern Bioscience and SNC-Lavalin during the summer of 2010;
- Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre were placed in local papers in September 2010;
- Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre were provided to First Nation communities, government agencies and other stakeholders in mid-September;
- Meeting with key government agencies and the Town of Red Lake, was held on the afternoon of September 29, 2010, including request by the Ministry of Natural Resources for Goldcorp to provide a detailed Project Description;



- Meeting for First Nations was held on the morning of September 30, 2010, with invitations provided to Lac Seul and other First Nations and attended only by the Director of the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre;
- Public Information Centre was held on the afternoon and evening of September 30, 2010, including attendance by some members of Lac Seul First Nations, including on-Reserve, including members of Council as well as off-reserve members;
- Stage 1 Archaeological field survey conducted in October 2010 by Allyne Gliddon, a licenced archaeologist (Licence # PO 72);
- Draft baseline reports, including terrestrial biology and archaeology reports, had been prepared;
- Preparation of the Project Description was well advanced; and
- Preparation of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) was well in progress, including the environmental net effects analysis.

Since receipt of your letter and in parallel with our efforts to arrange a meeting with LSFN regarding the contents of the letter, we completed the Project Description (forwarded to you on November 23, 2010) and, more recently, completed a draft of the ESR which could be made available for submission for the mandatory 30-day public review period.

Possible Path Forward

In consultation regarding the Project and other Goldcorp projects, activities and initiatives, Goldcorp wants to support your guiding principles and objectives, which we have excerpted below from your letter dated October 26, 2010:

- *"To maintain the distinct spiritual relationship with our reserve lands and traditional territories that is inexorable linked to our survival as Anishinaabeg, and through which we can preserve our knowledge systems, laws, language, and culture.*
- *To preserve our tradition of sustainable development of lands, waters, wildlife, plant life and resources for past, present, and future generations.*
- *To respect our laws which ensure environmental conservation and both short- and long-term preservation of the land to which we are linked."*

We also acknowledge and want to incorporate your seven overarching guiding principles into this Project and other Goldcorp projects, activities and initiatives:

1. Mutual respect
2. Clarity
3. Purpose
4. Transparency
5. Flexibility
6. Trust
7. Certainty



We believe that LSFN shares with Goldcorp the recognition of the clear environmental advantages of clearing and grubbing during winter conditions and we hope that LSFN can work with Goldcorp in implementing an expedited process that enables clearing and grubbing this winter while accommodating LSFN's requirements and needs regarding the Project.

We suggest the following steps subject to your comment and agreement:

1. In the very immediate future, hold a meeting between Goldcorp/SNC-Lavalin, including a focused high level review of the Proposed route by LSFN representatives knowledgeable of traditional land uses in the study area to determine if there are any significant features that may warrant refinement of the proposed route;
2. Identification of preliminary mitigation to be incorporated into the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR), such as:
 - o Implementation of proposed mitigation for other environmental components which will minimize adverse effects on First Nations and their traditional land uses;
 - o Preferential First Nation / local employment and local purchasing of supplies and services in consideration of availability, merit and business requirements (e.g., *the clearing and grubbing of the right of way this winter may represent an imminent First Nation business/employment opportunity*);
 - o Assistance to community members to identify and obtain preparatory training requirements for clearing/grubbing and construction activities;
 - o Community input into the Mitigation Plan/Commitments for implementation during construction;
 - o If communities in agreement, survey and clearing crews to include First Nation elder(s) knowledgeable about the area to identify concerns in the field which may require special procedures or precautions. This may include have an archaeologist check areas for resources in the field prior to clearing and grubbing;
 - o First Nation elder(s) to provide training seminar to clearing/grubbing and construction crews prior to in-field work to increase their awareness of traditional features/areas and procedures to be followed in the event that such feature are encountered;
 - o Should deeply buried archaeological resources be identified during development, work in the immediate area should be halted and Lac Seul First Nation (and other First Nation having identified traditional land uses in the area) and the Ministry of Culture as well as Red Lake Gold Mines (RLGM) shall be notified;
 - o In the unlikely event human remains are encountered, work in the immediate area should be halted and Lac Seul First Nation (and other First Nation having identified traditional land uses in the area) as well as the Police, Coroner and/or the Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit and RLGM shall be identified immediately.
3. Develop a work plan for outstanding activities required by LSFN and include this work plan in the draft ESR. This work plan is to be developed in consideration of those activities outlined in your letter dated October 26, 2010 taking into account work which has already been completed (e.g., the Stage 1/2 Archaeology Study, but which may require augmentation with traditional knowledge archaeology and may require fieldwork done by LSFN's archaeologist in concert with clearing and grubbing activities);



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Attention: Chief Clifford Bull

Dear Chief Bull;

**RE: GOLDCORP PROPOSED BALMERTOWN POWER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION LINE
CLEARING & GRUBBING: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM LSFN**

We understand that there was a meeting between Lac Seul First Nation (LSFN) and Goldcorp on January 25th, 2011 in Dryden during which time business opportunities between LSFN and RLGM were discussed. During the meeting, the clearing and grubbing of the proposed Balmertown Power Supply Transmission Line in the winter of 2011 was identified as a good, tangible, short term business opportunity for LSFN, which could become the springboard for other future business opportunities with Goldcorp.

For this contract, Goldcorp's intent is to retain OBISH to advance this business opportunity and furthermore for OBISH to preferentially retain members of the Lac Seul band for conducting this work. In addition to employment opportunities, this would also provide individuals with portable skill sets, work experience and training, thereby enhancing their future employment opportunities, including during subsequent construction of the Project in the fall of 2011.

As discussed, there are clear environmental advantages of carrying out the clearing and grubbing for the right of way and for the transformer station during winter conditions. Furthermore, this work has to be carried out during the winter of 2011 to meet Goldcorp's business plan for current, ongoing improvements and expansion of its operations.

Our concern is that if this work is not carried out this winter, it could have implications for future plans and associated local employment, or otherwise require consideration of other power supply alternatives (e.g., diesel).

The details of the proposed scope for the clearing and grubbing are provided in the attached document. As indicated therein, the value of the contract is estimated as \$198,000 and requires approximately 25 personnel for approximately a 6-week duration. As stated in the attached Scope of Work, "*Obish, a First Nation owned company, (hereinafter "Subcontractor") has been contracted for this work thereby providing employment to members of the Lac Seul community.*"



As mentioned in our last letter, the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared and is now ready for release for the 30-day public review period. As per our previous letter, the draft ESR includes the following mitigation:

- *Implementation of proposed mitigation for other environmental components which will minimize adverse effects on First Nations and their traditional land uses;*
- *Preferential First Nation / local employment and local purchasing of supplies and services in consideration of availability, merit and business requirements;*
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We hope that LSFN can work collaboratively with Goldcorp in implementing an expedited process that enables clearing and grubbing of the proposed transmission this winter while accommodating LSFN's requirements and needs regarding the Project. Accordingly, we request that LSFN:

- Provide Goldcorp with a letter of support from LSFN to proceed with the clearing and grubbing of the line this winter;
- During the 30-day review, work with Goldcorp to identify additional mitigation requirements and to develop a work plan for outstanding activities required by LSFN, for inclusion in the final ESR as commitments by Goldcorp to LSFN.

Once again thank you. We look forward to your response.

With respect and warmest regards.

Respectively truly,

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Attachments: Scope of Work – Clearing and Grubbing, including Attachment A: Mitigation for Clearing and Grubbing

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