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Honourable Bob McLeod
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Dear Premier,

Re: NWT Participation at Roundup 2018

Now that the dust has settled and we have a quick moment to look back at Roundup this year, we want to commend your government for its strong presence.

Bringing your Cabinet sent a strong signal to conference attendees that the NWT is serious about its minerals industry. With the added attendance of what is essentially another Cabinet – the five chiefs of the Tlicho Government – along with chiefs and leaders from virtually all the NWT Indigenous groups, you had a powerful presence. The teepee and the drummers were an added bonus, and we must also thank the Tlicho for bringing them, as they attracted even more conference participants to the NWT booths, manned by not just our Chamber and your government staff, but many of the Indigenous governments themselves. Our Chamber members believe you are on a good track to having all of the Indigenous governments of the NWT engaging in their own work to attract much needed mineral investment and jobs into their regions. A coordinated effort is important to rejuvenating mineral investment in the NWT. We look forward to working with you and those governments to advance this trend.

Thank you too for the meeting with Cabinet. As we raised, there are several areas where your government's efforts need to be focused. The looming carbon tax is very worrisome to our mines given that alternatives to diesel are limited. Exploration will also be enhanced if you can halt the ever shrinking land base due to growing conservation areas and unsettled land claims. Supporting our Chamber's public awareness program will help by increasing transparency and understanding and interest in our industry. It really doesn't require repeating, but continued progress on road and power infrastructure development is also essential.

Our members also found the Cabinet luncheon helpful, and the discussions between Ministers and leaders of our industry were interesting and of value. You might consider summarizing what you heard at the luncheon, and sharing it with the public. Your kind invitation to attend the Indigenous Leaders Breakfast was very much appreciated, and our attendees said it went very well, particularly the messaging provided by the Indigenous guest speaker, Ellis Ross.

We would also like to offer a suggestion for next year. Several of our members had the opportunity to visit the 2018 Vancouver Resource Investment Conference held immediately

before Roundup, and it was very well attended by many, many exploration and mining companies and investors. The NWT would have been well-served by having a strong presence there too. As an example, the Yukon hosted an innovative speakers' venue located right within the conference booth area, which helped them get attention by having many of their key explorers and developers telling investors why they liked that territory, and why they should invest in their projects. The Chamber would be prepared to work with your staff to establish itself at that conference too.

All in all, your government's presence at Roundup, combined with those of the Indigenous governments, helped raise the NWT's profile to investors and other attendees at the conference. We trust that everyone learned much to keep the NWT moving on the path of continuous improvement to its investment climate. This will ensure we sustain, and better yet, even grow our minerals industry, to the benefit of all northerners.

Please feel free to share this with your Assembly colleagues.

Yours truly,

NWT & NUNAVUT CHAMBER OF MINES



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