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Attn Theresa Morris

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the terms of reference for the Davidson project. I have attended both open houses in Smithers as well as the Blue Pearl office opening. I believe this is a very viable project for the community of Smithers. With the forestry industry facing a crisis here in the next ten years I think the communities have to look to other areas for future employment. The Davidson project is very close to the community of Smithers and thus raises a lot of legitimate concerns but it also presents several benefits. Employees would be able to work and be at home which would make it an attractive employer. Also Smithers could benefit from the educational aspect of encouraging young people into a growing industry.

In short this project has my support as long as it passes thru all the environmental processes. I am a resident of Smithers for over 25 years, and I would welcome new mining opportunities such as this one. I would like my information kept private. Thanks Ron Bandstra