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Dear Mr. Hart:

RE: Proposed Hermann Mine Project-- Screening Timeline

This letter is in response to the timeline for the screening of the proposed Hermann Mine project. The screening phase for this specific process, according to the Environmental Assessment Office, is currently scheduled to begin prior to the Christmas holidays. The present timeframe will make it quite problematic for WMFNs to adequately screen the Application. We have, on more than one occasion, informed the EAO that our office is closed from the 21st of December 2006 until the 8th of January 2007.

While consultation activities must be carried out in a timely manner, it is important to consider that the courts have routinely held that imposing unreasonable timeframes is unfair. Such timeframes also need to take into account the numerous other EAO projects in this area of British Columbia.

For these reasons mentioned above, we do not support the current timeframe that the EAO has proposed. In order for an adequate review to occur, while at the same time upholding the honour of the Crown, we suggest that the EAO schedule the screening phase to begin after the holiday season. Additionally, it would be best if the start date was the 8th of January 2006. This would provide us with a more appropriate amount of time to screen the application.

Thank you for attending to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Land Use Department @ (250) 788-3676.

Sincerely,



Councillor
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