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Re: ADK Framework Agreement and Dehcho Process

Dear Grand Chief Antoine:

Further to your open letter of 7/30/08 when you requested that I address the implications of ADK's withdrawal from the Dehcho Process and effect on the amendment of Dehcho agreements, I am pleased to respond to this matter.

You mentioned several agreements, in addition to the definition of Dehcho First Nations, which require amendment so as to exclude ADK from the Dehcho Process:

- a) The Framework Agreement 5/23/01
- b) Interim Measures Agreement 5/23/01
- c) Interim Resources Development Agreement 2001
- d) Funding Contribution Agreement
- e) Nahanni Park Reserve Expansion MOU

We agree that ADK be excluded from all of the above and will not longer participate in the Dehcho Process as it never suited our interest nor was it successful; however, this presupposes several conditions:

- a) DFN must amend its Statement of Traditional Lands and all the Agreements that you have with Canada and GNWT to exclude all ADK lands. We have already contacted our neighbouring First Nations to begin discussions on boundary agreements and shared Territory protocols. We do not see this as something that DFN should be involved in; rather negotiations on a nation-to-nation basis with the relevant bands are more suitable for successful boundary discussions.
- b) As to the funding Contribution Agreement, since DFN does not represent ADK it seems logical that ADK's portion for this funding year be remitted to ADK. Of course your next year's funding should exclude moneys that you claim represent ADK's interests.
- c) ADK selection of treaty settlement lands in NWT will be those lands that it has traditionally occupied and will not be dictated to by a tribal council on this matter.

- d) As to the uncertainty that you refer to regarding ADK remaining part of the DFN for other purposes such as advisory services and federally funded employment training programs etc. we will review these matters on a case-by-case basis with Canada, GNWT and other relevant governments to determine how ADK's interests are best served.

We trust that the above is to your satisfaction and look forward to our negotiations regarding ADK's withdrawal from the Dehcho Process.

Yours Truly,

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