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SHANNON HAYDEN
MACKENZIE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.

DEAR SHANNON

As the officer in charge of the environmental hearings regarding the Nico project I feel compelled to write.

I am closely following the progress of the permitting and information meetings regarding the Nico project in your jurisdiction.

This project discovered in 1986 has been purposely delayed over the years and is currently in it's fourth year of permitting. Surely the aboriginal groups and all parties that will be affected were given sufficient time and notice to attend and present all pertinent data at the past environmental meeting.

Should they not have prepared properly, or made errors in their approach; how can you punish the company, (which made a thorough and complete presentation) along with all potential employees and related jobs within Canada, that will not earn any

money, until the mine is in operation.

If you are not aware the world economy remains in a very stressed condition, and neither Canada or the Northwest Territories is immune to continued high unemployment and even the potential of another serious recession.

To allow another delay in this lengthy process, may have the unintended consequence of putting the project at such an economic disadvantage compared to mines in other jurisdictions that it may not proceed.

Please find a fair balance, and let the process continue without delay. I hope you will not allow my faith in Canada and the Northwest Territories to be seriously destroyed.

I would be grateful for a response from your office and thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely

John Howard Walle

