

September 3, 2012

## **EA 0809-004 NICO Project, Fortune Minerals Limited**

### **Updated Hearing Directive and Post-hearing Submissions**

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During the public hearings in Behchoko on August 31, the Review Board confirmed that 2 additional days of public hearings would take place on October 10 – 11 in Behchoko.

The additional 2 days are required so that the Review Board can conclude the hearing agenda items that were not addressed due to time constraints. These items include the NICO Project Access Road as well as community and public statements. In addition, the Review Board grants the Tlicho Government the opportunity to present the findings of the Traditional Knowledge Study at the hearing on October 10 provided that the Traditional Knowledge Study in written format is submitted to the Review Board on September 15.

The agenda for the October 10-11 hearing in Behchoko will include the following:

- October 10 NICO Project Access Road  
Traditional Knowledge Study
- October 11 Community and public statements  
Statement from women and youth of the community

A formal agenda will be provided shortly. Following the October 10-11 hearing, parties and the developer will have the subsequent opportunity to provide final written submissions to the Review Board prior to the closing of the public record.

Hearing process steps and due dates are as follows:

- September 15 – Traditional Knowledge Study submission by Tlicho Government
- October 10-11 – Public hearings in Behchoko
- October 15– Filing of hearing undertakings by the developer and parties
- October 17 – Final written submissions from parties
- October 22 – Final written submission from Fortune Minerals Limited
- October 22 – Closure of public record

Mackenzie Valley Review Board