

The Honorable Terry Rambler  
Chairman  
San Carlos Apache Tribe  
P.O. Box 0  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

December 17, 2012

Dear Chairman Rambler:

I am the new project director at Resolution Copper and, as such, have assumed responsibility for all of our operational, regulatory, permitting, government, community and reclamation activities.

As a new arrival to this project, there is much for me to learn about the project, and the political and regulatory environment in which we operate. Included in this is understanding the relationship we have with the San Carlos Apache Nation or, perhaps more to the point, the relationship we *desire* to have with the Tribe and the community.

Since joining this project, I have spent a lot of time reviewing and thinking about what my predecessors and others in the organization have done to engage with tribal leadership. I believe we have not always made the best decisions in our interaction and have concluded we can do much better.

I am uncomfortable with the current lack of engagement between us. I would prefer to have an open exchange where we can work through matters where we have common interests while respectfully acknowledging any differences we have. Resolution Copper needs to take responsibility for our side of that engagement and how we can improve communication with the Tribe.

Chairman Rambler, if you are willing to view this as a new day in our relationship, as I do, I would be honored to meet with you to introduce myself and would be grateful for your guidance on how we might work to improve our relationship. I suggest this initial meeting take place between just the two of us and without attorneys or advisors. It can be held either at your office or at a neutral location preferable to you.

As a matter of clarification, I fully understand that this invitation and our potential visit would not be considered formal consultation under the numerous federal requirements for consultation. However, I believe such a visit should take place regardless of federal requirements as Resolution Copper's commitments to understanding and respecting the cultural values of Native American communities near its projects is a strong aspect of company practice.

Thank you for your consideration. I sincerely hope you will accept my offer to meet. I plan to follow-up with a call to you in early January 2013, but please also feel free to contact me directly at 520.689.3250 (office) or 520.827.1702 (cell) at any time. I look forward to your response and to working with you on our project in both formal consultation and in a respectful, personal and cooperative capacity.

I wish you a happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Andrew Taplin  
Project Director