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Dear Chairman Nosie and President Bear:

Thank you again for taking the time last Thursday to come to Washington and provide your testimony on H.R. 3301. As we reiterated at the hearing, we are keenly interested in establishing a dialogue and line of communication with you in order to develop our project and to complete the land exchange in a manner that is respectful of your concerns and values.

We recognize that formal discussions must occur at the government-to-government level. Governments, however, are comprised of people. We thus believe that direct person to person contact forms the basis for governments to act to implement what is in the best interest of all concerned. Without the facts and information obtained through person to person contact, and without the mutual respect from a person to person dialogue, governments often act poorly or in a manner that does not reflect the true concerns. Where successful interaction has been achieved between our peoples, it has come from having first developed close personal relationships and trust. We believe that trust relationship is a function of personal integrity and personal relationships with a dedicated commitment by the parties to recognize the cultural values of each party and working together to solve problems. Having Resolution as an advocate for your Nations certainly strengthens both your positions and our position when we are dealing with the government. History shows that those personal relationships of trust that are developed are central to having a successful outcome, rather than leaving the resolution to bare bureaucratic machinations. We believe we can achieve that together. Resolving concerns through antagonism, misunderstanding, silence or litigation, is in neither of our interests.

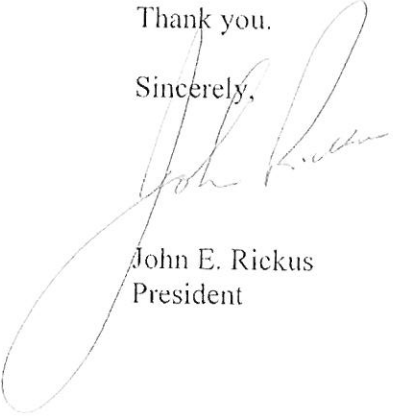
In this regard, Rio Tinto has had considerable experience in forming successful relationships with local communities, First Nations and Native Groups throughout the world. We would very much like to share some thoughts with you on how we may do so

for your communities as well. We believe that we can thusly formulate a strong relationship that is beneficial to all parties.

As we mentioned, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. Clearly, we are happy to walk you through the preliminary mine concepts that we have, the information that we have gathered that may be relevant to you, and to discuss how we might establish an ongoing process to improve communication as well as understand and address your concerns. We also look forward to furthering our understanding of your issues and how we can best address those in a thoughtful, productive and respectful manner. We would thus appreciate opening a dialogue with you, or with such of your representatives as you may deem appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John E. Rickus
President