

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

March 3, 2011

Dear Chairman Rambler:

I would like to congratulate you on your recent election and inauguration.


By way of introduction, our former President and CEO David Salisbury recently retired from Resolution Copper Mining and I have assumed his responsibilities over environmental, legal and external affairs, among other things. In this role, it's my privilege to work with tribal, federal, state and local governments, non-government organizations and other opinion leaders to foster a better understanding between these leaders and their constituents and our mine project. Because the mine will be in operation for many decades, we view these relationships as long-term and fundamental.

I acknowledge the many issues you face as Chairman and the competing interests for your time. I understand that matters relating to our project are certainly among them, and on that subject I am aware of and respectful of the San Carlos Apache Nation's official position. I would like to set the project aside temporarily, however, and see if you would be willing to allow me to informally meet with you where the only agenda item is simply to get to know each other. My hope is to better understand your goals and aspirations for your people, your history, and get to know you as a person. I have much to learn and would be humbled to have some of your time. There will be plenty of opportunities and forums in the future to deal with the political, legal and policy issues before us. I have no intention to include attorneys or advisors and trust that you would have no need for the same.

I fully understand and want to communicate that this potential meeting would not be considered formal "Consultation" under the numerous federal requirements for Consultation. However, I believe that such a meeting, regardless of our present differences or the course this project eventually takes, would be beneficial. As neighbors, I believe it is very important to be able to have a discussion on any issues even if we do not always agree.

Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to meet at a place and time that is convenient to you. Please contact me directly at 520.689.3237 (office) or 520.858.5311 (cell) to make arrangements. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jon Cherry
Vice President