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The Honourable Bob McLeod Premier of the Northwest Territories Government of the NWT Yellowknife NT X1A 2L9

Dear Premier McLeod:

On behalf of the Tłıcho Government I would like to thank you for the invitation to attend the AME Roundup Conference in Vancouver held earlier this month. This conference was an excellent opportunity for us to participate once again.

Thicho Government is aware that in order to be self-sustaining and become more self-reliant we need to build connections and contacts with the global business world, and we can achieve this through participation at conferences such as the Roundup. We had many opportunity to meet industy leaders who came to talk to us about future business opportunities and was good to meet face-to-face to build upon our business relationships.

I would like to highlight the message from Skeena MLA Ellis Ross, we understand the importance of his message and how much we have in common with our indigenous cousins. He made so many strong points about what the focus of our efforts should be and we agree that economic development needs to be a fundamental focus of our efforts along with strong environmental safe guards. Strong economic development paves the way for excellent social programs. Our Thicho Investment Corporation is an excellent example; we hire Thicho people and we own our companies, and our goal is always to build a strong economic future for our people.

In closing, it was very good to see a strong GNWT presence supported by the Deh Cho, Inuvialuit, Sahtu and Tłıcho and all other Indigenous partners, which will no doubt benefit the people of the north.

In Tłycho Unity,

Grand Chief George Mackenzie

Cc: Wally Schumann, Minister of Industy, Tourism and Investsment, GNWT