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Dear Leon:

RE: ROAD TO RESOURCES

In response to your letter dated October 25th, filed with the Chiefs of the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council.

Your letter was reviewed at the Executive Meeting of October 27th, 2000. Attached, please find Resolution #271000-36 directing your office to support the road to resources be built from Highway #3 from Edzo, connecting all the other Dogrib communities on this route. To build the road to resources by the Dogrib communities makes sound economic sense for the business community and individuals unable to afford the high cost of living in small isolated remote communities.

Many large transport trucks, during the short winter months, travel on Highway #3 to Ekati area attempting to make as many trips as possible travelling through the Ingraham Trail. The heavy traffic on Highway #3 between Edzo and the Ingraham Trail poses threats of safety to Dogrib, Yellowknives, private motorists and the public travelling on Highway #3 to Yellowknife. Accidents have already occurred in the short life span of Ekati Mines on Highway #3 with motorist and large transport trucks.

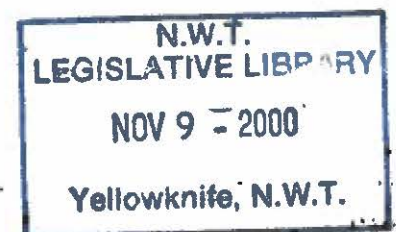
The Dogrib Leadership is also working with our elders from the communities on collecting traditional knowledge information to determine the least environmental affect the propose route to resources will have on Dogrib traditional land.

The decision by the Dogrib Leadership to have the road to resources go by Edzo indicate that we want to be proactive in mitigating any negative adverse affect that mining development will have on our community, the environment and on the lives of the Dogrib people.

Yours in Dogrib Unity,


Grand Chief Joe Rabesca.

c.c. Chiefs, Dogrib First Nation
Honourable Joe Handley, Minister RWED
Honourable Vince Steen, Minister of Transportation
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