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January 5, 2005

Honourable Joe Handley Premier, Government of the NWT Box 1320, Yellowknife NT X1A 2L9

Dear Joe,



After our previous meetings and discussions that we had in the past related to Housing as a Manufacturing Industry, this time I am ready to proceed with my goal of modular and housing building components industry in the NWT. I have been working towards this goal since 1983, and as you can see in the attached proposal, I believe in this opportunity very strongly.

Our northern media is full of news stories about northern development lately. Most of that focus is on industries that come, take northern resources, and leave. There seems to be very little interest or promotion of the kind of development that addresses basic human needs that many people in the North face - such as housing. I am attaching a proposal on how governments need to work with northern businesses to create and strengthen our own industry - manufactured housing. This is a topic that we've discussed many times, since you were President of the NWT Housing Corporation. You will see in the attached proposal that supporting this industry will result in 65-80 northerners getting certifiable skills in the house manufacturing industry.

There is an indisputable long term need for housing needs across the North. Recently, in part because of a shortage of tradespeople, inobile homes are being purchased in the south to meet the pressing need for northern housing in some communities. I believe we should do much better than that. This is the right time to take a stand in support of designed in-the-north, cost-effective, energy-efficient, environmentally friendly northern-manufactured modular buildings.

What I have attached is a discussion proposal to build an important, long term northern industry. It is an initial draft, and the numbers are only preliminary – but it should give you a clear idea of what is presented. I would like to see all of us with an interest in seeing the north take up the challenge of meeting its own housing needs to do so soon.

I'll need your support and government leadership in this project. For one, with the planned visit by the Federal Minister of Housing, Hon. Joe Fontana, it gives us an opportunity to present what can be done in the north to meet our housing needs, and skill development along with developing a housing industry. I've asked for our MP's help in getting Minister Fontana to visit our plant. As well, I want to create an alliance with the Nunavut Government, as they are very strong potential customers to our industry due to our geographic location that serves western Nunavut by barge and by air. This will also add to our goal to create a model type factory to promote training for a multi-cultural workforce.

Once you have had a chance to review what I'm sending you, I would appreciate meeting with you so that we might determine together how we can make this happen. Happy New Year and I'm looking forward to the great opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,

Manuel Jorge,

General Manager

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November 22, 2004

Premier Joe Handley, NWT

Dear Joe,

After our previous meetings and discussions that we had in the past related to housing as a industry this time I am ready to proceed with this adventure to create future industry in the NWT. I have been working towards this goal since 1983, and as you can see in the attached proposal concept I believe in this opportunity very strongly.

Our northern media is full of news stories about northern development lately. Most of that focus is on industries that comes, take northern resources, and leave. There seems to be very little interest or promotion of the kind of development that addresses basic human needs that many people in the North face – such as housing. As per the attached proposal, this is how I believe how governments need to work with northern businesses to create and strengthen our own industry – manufactured housing, and building components. I believe this provides an opportunity for 65-80 northern workers to gain certifiable skills in the manufactured housing industry.

There is an indisputable long term need for housing needs across the North. Recently, in part because of a shortage of tradespeople, mobile and modular homes are being purchased in the south to meet the pressing need for northern housing in some communities and cities. I believe we should do much better than that. This is the right time to take a stand in support of designed in-the-north, cost effective, energy-efficient, environmentally friendly northern-manufactured modular buildings.

What I have attached is a discussion proposal to build an important, long term northern industry. It is an initial draft, and the numbers are only preliminary – but it should give you a clear idea of what is presented. I would like to see all of us with an interest in seeing the north take up the challenge of meeting its own housing needs to do soon.

I'll need your support in this project and to try to tie alliance with the Nunavut Government as they are very strong potential costumers to our industry, and as an aboriginal nation compliments my goal to create a model type factory to promote training in multi-cultural workforce.

Once you have had a chance to review what I'm sending you, I would appreciate meeting with you so that we might determine together how we can make this happen.

Singerely,

Manuel Jorge,

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