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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: NICO Project – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Renewal Application for Land Use Permit – Mineral Exploration – Hislop and Lou Lake, NT**

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on March 9, 2023 and considered the Application Package from Fortune Minerals Limited (Fortune) for Land Use Permit (Permit) W2023C0001 for the NICO Project at Hislop and Lou Lake area (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Project has been previously subject to Part of the MVRMA as outlined in previous Preliminary Screening Determinations dated March 21, 2002<sup>1</sup> and February 10, 2005<sup>2</sup> for Permit MV2002C0002, and March 23, 2016 for Permit W2016C0002.<sup>3</sup> Fortune has not proposed changes to the Project. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. Consequently, no further preliminary screening was conducted.

Please contact Ryan Fequet via [email](#) or at (867) 765-4589 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

<sup>1</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2002C0002 - Fortune - NICO Project - Permit and Preliminary Screening - Mar 21 02](#)

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [MV2002C0002 - Fortune - NICO Project - Amended Permit and Preliminary Screening - Feb 10 05](#)

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2016C0002 - Fortune - NICO Project - Preliminary Screening - Mar 23 16](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mason Mantla', written in a cursive style.

Mason Mantla  
Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: NICO Distribution List  
Rick Schryer: Fortune Minerals Limited