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Subject: A Message to All Guest Mineral Exploration Companies on Chisasibi Traditional Traplines

To the Presidents of Mineral Exploration Companies,

We are writing to you on behalf of the concerned land users and tallymen in our community regarding mineral exploration activities on their traditional traplines. We strongly believe that true partnership and reconciliation can only be achieved when exploration companies are aware of our realities and respect our way of life, Cree customs, and traditions.

First and foremost, we'd like to remind you the importance of respecting the land and environment, it is your responsibility to comply with laws and regulations. We also wish that you leave areas clean and natural as they were before exploration.

Secondly, we kindly request that your exploration company refrains from setting up camps on our lands without first seeking permission from the land users, tallymen and community. These individuals have been the custodians of our ancestral lands for generations, and their consent and consultation are of utmost importance. By involving them in the decision-making process, we can ensure that the exploration activities are conducted in a manner that respects our land, culture, and heritage.

Furthermore, it is crucial that your company engages with our community in a meaningful and transparent manner. We urge you to consult our community on any proposed work, ensuring that their concerns and suggestions are considered. And to prioritize local entrepreneurs and members for any business or employment opportunities. This will foster a sense of ownership and empowerment among our community members, leading to a more mutually beneficial relationship between your exploration company and our community.

Additionally, we kindly request that you refrain from conducting flyovers and mineral exploration activities during the fall break in September and the goose break from the end of April until the end of May. These periods are of great significance to our community, as they align with important cultural and traditional activities. By respecting these timeframes, you demonstrate your commitment to understanding and honouring our way of life.



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To ensure effective communication and collaboration, we suggest including our Natural Resources Liaison, Anderson Jolly by email at AndersonJolly@chisasibi.ca in any correspondences or discussions related to exploration activities.

In conclusion, we emphasize the importance of building true partnerships based on mutual respect, understanding, and consultation. We believe that by considering and addressing the concerns raised in this letter, your exploration company can create a positive and lasting impact on our community and its future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to fruitful discussions in future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Natural Resources Liaison.

Regards,



Chief Daisy House

Deputy Chief Mark Wadden

CC: Council of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi,
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