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SENT VIA EMAIL:

Dear Ryan Kalt;

NOTICE

On behalf of Asubpeeschoseewagong Anishinabek ("ANA" or "Grassy Narrows First Nation" or "Grassy Narrows"), we write to inform you that you hold claims, leases, or other mining tenures within the Grassy Narrows Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining ("Core Area").

Area Subject to Grassy Narrows Interests

We are concerned that you and your associates at your company, Dixie Gold Inc. have staked or acquired claims, or tenures derived from them, within the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining, and on our Territory. We are further concerned that you have made no attempt to contact our First Nation to inform us about your plans and intentions, staking activities, and any early exploration activities that you have carried out, and to hear what we have to say.

We have attached a map of our Core Area at two different scales. Please note that this interim map is not comprehensive and is subject to change.

Grassy Narrows has a longstanding connection to the claimed area dating back to the time of the Treaty and before. Our ancestors have practiced, and we currently continue to practice our Anishinaabe way of life; a way of life that relies on a healthy environment and is central to our identity, health, wellness, and livelihood. This area is part of the whole that forms the sacred landscape which gives us life and which we are in relationship within every aspect of our lives, hearts, spirits, and dreams.

Our community members exercise our Treaty rights in the claimed area through activities such as hunting, travel, camping, fishing, gathering medicines, and teaching their children the Anishinaabe way of life. Our community members boat, canoe, portage, and camp in the vicinity of the claimed area, and in the process, they hunt, fish, gather plants, and drink the water.

Your company's mining claims or tenure also fall within the range of wildlife such as moose, wolverine, and caribou that may travel within our Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area ("IPCA"). In addition, walleye within the area of your mining claims or tenure may also migrate to the IPCA. These are indicator species for a wide range of terrestrial and water-based creatures

that we use which spend part of their lives within the claimed area and would be impacted by

mining activities. Birds that we use would also spend part of their lives within the claimed area.

We are on a healing journey, trying to recover from the extreme damage that colonization and attempted forced assimilation have done to our people, including through the imposition of Crown policy and regulatory schemes related to residential schools, dams, relocation, mercury contamination, child apprehension, industrial logging, and mining. Our environment, culture, society, economy, and health have been harmed. We need to allow the land to heal because healthy land will help to heal our people. This is what reconciliation means to Grassy Narrows. We have called on Ontario and on companies to stop pushing mining activity and industrial logging on us. We call on you and your associates at your company to let us protect our land so that we can heal our people.

We strongly urge you to reconsider your plans in our Core Area and to seize this opportunity to set a course for a future that is free of conflict over mining.

Area Subject to Cumulative Effects

For many generations the Crown has imposed harmful law and policy on us, including through the Indian Act, the banning of our ceremonies, residential schools, relocation, the 60s scoop, and the ongoing removal of our children from our community. These policies have caused grave harm to our people and impaired the exercise of our rights. They have undermined our strong society and way of life and have left us more vulnerable to the impacts of industry.

At the same time, Grassy Narrows people and our Territory have been subjected to a long series of industrial attacks which have been imposed on us against our will. These include the damming of our river, mercury pollution, industrial logging, and mining activity. Each of these industrial attacks have had grave impacts on their own which have been well documented. In addition, each of these industrial attacks has compounded the existing harm that remains from previous attacks, creating unbearable cumulative impacts, thereby prolonging and exacerbating our inter-generational crisis.

These extreme and compounding industrial impacts have been carried out by industry, and allowed by the Crown, without any serious consideration of their cumulative effects on Grassy Narrows and the exercise of Grassy Narrows' rights. We have raised clear concerns, since the 1970s at least, that our environment, rights, way of life, and our health were at or beyond the breaking point due to the impacts of industry on the resources on which we have heavily relied for our wellbeing, livelihood, and the viability of our community. We have repeatedly requested environmental assessments. To this day, with respect to our Territory, industry and the Crown have failed to conduct a collaborative Land use Plan; failed to complete a source water protection plan; failed to carry out an environmental assessment; and failed to undertake an assessment of cumulative effects.

Our river that gives us life remains poisoned.

Our walleye are unsafe to eat.

Our sturgeon are rare.

Our moose are scarce.

Our caribou are nearly extirpated.

Our pine marten habitat is depleted.

Our medicines are tainted.

Our sacred landscape is desecrated and scarred.

Our way of life is diminished.

Our people suffer from poverty, food insecurity, disease, and premature death.

Our Treaty rights are impaired, our health has been harmed, and we have been discriminated against.

The crisis that was created by mercury, damming, and relocation, and which has been exacerbated by industrial logging and mining activity, continues.

And yet your company has staked or acquired mining claims or tenure on our Territory. This risks taking us farther past the point of "reasonable," "justifiable" impacts on Grassy Narrows' rights, health, and way of life.

We are long past the time when the industry and the Crown should have listened to Grassy Narrows when we said enough is enough. We are decades past the time when industry and the Crown should have realized that the harm to Grassy Narrows was too much, and the Treaty promises were being dishonourably compromised by imposed industry allowed by the Crown. The Crown and industry can no longer impose further impacts on our land and our people when the cumulative impacts from past development mean that any further imposed industry will unjustifiably infringe our Treaty rights, harm our health, and discriminate against us.

We ask your company to open your heart and to respect Grassy Narrows.

Area Subject to Treaty Land Entitlement Claim

We would like to ensure that you are aware that Grassy Narrows has an active Treaty Land Entitlement ("TLE") claim that has been accepted by the Crown and is under negotiation for resolution. Part of the resolution of the claim will include an addition to Grassy Narrows' reserve lands, and compensation for lost use. Grassy Narrows is currently engaged in a process to select its additional reserve lands. All of Grassy Narrows Territory is currently potential reserve lands additions under consideration.

The Crown has asserted that lands which have encumbrances, such as mining claims, will be more challenging to designate as additional reserve lands. This means that your mining claims and tenures adversely impact our ability to select reserve land additions and are an impediment to the successful resolution of our TLE claim.

Further, lands which have been impacted by mining exploration such as cutting lines, pitting, trenching, stripping, and drilling, decline in ecological health, experience a degradation of their intactness, and therefore become less suitable as additional reserve lands. Over the last few decades, vast parts of our Territory have been encumbered and degraded through industrial actions imposed on Grassy Narrows. This has severely restricted the available suitable additional reserve lands.

Grassy Narrows has been clear that there should be no new encumbrances on our Territory, and no new degradation to our Territory, as this would unfairly further reduce the available suitable additional reserve lands (in addition to other impacts outlined elsewhere). This would impair the ability to correct the injustice that was done to us by having been denied a fairly sized reserve for over a century.

Area Subject to Litigation

Grassy Narrows has commenced two legal proceedings addressing Crown failures that have the potential to impact your company's mining interests in Grassy Narrows' Core Area.

First, on June 4, 2024, Grassy Narrows served Ontario and Canada with notice of our intention to sue for breach of Treaty obligations, fiduciary duties, and obligations arising from the Honour of the Crown by failing to protect Grassy Narrows Treaty rights, including from:

- The effects of mercury and other pollutants discharged by the pulp and paper mill in Dryden, Ontario, into the English and Wabigoon River System; and
- The cumulative impacts of industry and land use including mining activity.

Paragraph 95 of the Statement of Claim addresses the issue of the Crown's continued authorization of industrial activities that increase the mercury load, net methylation, bioavailability and biomagnification in the ecosystem.

Paragraph 102 outlines the cumulative impacts of industry and land use that have interfered with Grassy Narrows' Treaty rights, including contaminating air, land and water in and around the Area, degrading the land important to hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering, impacting wildlife habitat and populations, and interfering with the spiritual and cultural integrity of the Area and Grassy Narrows' relationship to it, among other things. Paragraph 103 addresses the harms caused by these cumulative impacts of industry and land use.

Your mining claims and other tenures continue the unlawful and harmful Crown conduct that is the subject of the lawsuit.

Secondly, on July 12, 2024, Grassy Narrows served a Notice of Application on Ontario asserting that the Mining Act regime violates section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* by failing to consult, accommodate or obtain consent prior to registering mining claims within the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining.

Grassy Narrows is seeking a declaration that mining claims registered pursuant to this unconstitutional regime and further mining tenures derived from those leases are invalid, which would include any claims, leases, and patents registered by your company in the Area. Ontario did not consult, accommodate nor obtain consent from Grassy Narrows prior to registering your company's mining claims, and the leases, patents and other mining tenures derived from them.

As relief, Grassy Narrows is seeking a declaration that "existing mining claims, including mining activities such assessment work and exploration activities, and third-party mining interests granted under the Mining Claim Grant Regime within the Area are not consistent with section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and UNDRIP and are of no force or effect."

If Grassy Narrows is successful in either or both of these legal proceedings, your company's mining claims and other tenures would potentially be impacted and could be invalidated.

Area Subject to Unmet Legal Duties

In 1978, Ontario and Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("1978 MOU") with Grassy Narrows in which the Crown committed to resolve in good faith the impacts of mercury on the environment that Grassy Narrows people heavily relied upon for the viability of our community, and the related health, social, economic, cultural, and environmental impacts on the people of Grassy Narrows. It was agreed that the issues would be resolved through a combination of financial compensation and land, or control over land, and furthermore in a manner that would enhance Grassy Narrows' self-determination, self-sufficiency, and control over local affairs wherever possible.

Although some agreements were reached, there remain outstanding obligations on the Crown, including with respect to increasing Grassy Narrows control and self-determination over Grassy Narrows lands. From the outset of our discussions under the 1978 MOU, Grassy Narrows was clear that in order to recover from the impacts of mercury and other harms, we need Crown recognition of Grassy Narrows' ownership, control, and protection of our Territory which will allow Grassy Narrows to make decisions with respect to our Territory that support our way of life and our livelihood. In the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s Ontario committed to negotiate increased Grassy Narrows control over our lands, in addition to providing meaningful compensation for our people. However, those negotiations and obligations remain unresolved.

The Crown and Grassy Narrows have a fiduciary relationship, and our Treaty rights attract fiduciary obligations. When the Crown seized functional management and control of our lands and water, including through use of force, in the time since the Crown and Grassy Narrows entered into a Treaty relationship, the Crown assumed a duty to Grassy Narrows when exercising that imposed control over our Indigenous interests including our pre-existing legal interests in exercising our fishing, hunting and trapping rights and other traditional practices, including our medicine gathering and wild-rice picking. Grassy Narrows has been at the mercy of the exercise of Ontario's imposed fiduciary decision-making over our Territory as Ontario unilaterally authorized industrial activity, and otherwise has made decisions that affect the land, water and other natural resources of our Territory which we rely on to exercise our rights, practice our way of life, and maintain our health.

Under imposed Crown management and discretionary control, the health of our Territory and our people have seriously declined, our way of life has been degraded, and the exercise of our Treaty rights has been impaired.

In the 1980s, and since, we called for a moratorium on industrial activity in our Territory until our negotiations with Ontario were concluded.

However, rather than honour this moratorium, the Treaty promises, and the 1978 MOU obligations, Ontario abandoned the negotiations in the mid-1990s and exercised its imposed control in a way that unleashed industry on our Territory to our detriment.

The Crown's dishonourable conduct and abandonment of its fiduciary obligations continue. And now instead of helping to set us on a path back to health, prosperity, and wellness, as promised, the Ministry has granted thousands of mining claims and approved numerous exploration permits on our Territory. This conduct will compound the harms imposed on our people by further compromising our health and degrading our Territory and impairing and unreasonably limiting the exercise of our rights.

The failure of the Crown to uphold its honour and its fiduciary duty to us has the potential to impact the legitimacy of your claims and your ability to carry out mining exploration activity on them.

Grassy Narrows calls on your company to respect Grassy Narrows' law and rights

We call on Dixie Gold Inc. to respect Grassy Narrows' law and our inherent, Aboriginal, and Treaty rights, and to commit to comply with Grassy Narrows' rights and laws.

We call on your company to halt all staking and mineral exploration and mining related activities within the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining and to confirm this halt in writing with us.

We call on your company to commit to gain our free, prior and informed consent before staking any claims, applying for any tenures, and carrying out any activities within the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining.

We further call on your company to engage with us, and to gain our free, prior, and informed consent, for activities that are outside of our Core Area, but which may have upstream or downstream, downwind, migratory, or other off-site impacts on our Core Area and our people.

Request to meet to identify and resolve any conflicting third-party interests

If you insist on continuing to hold interests in and operate these claims or other mining tenures in our Core Area of Interest for Mining and that may impact our IPCA, despite the information shared with you in this correspondence – that such activity would be in violation of our ANA law, and our rights and interests and in an area with excessive existing cumulative impacts, that conflicts with our TLE process, and is subject to litigation – then we raise the following additional considerations which form a barrier to us meaningfully understanding your interest in our Core Area and engaging with you about these claims:

- Insufficient information: You have yet to provide ANA with any information related to your past and planned activities with these claims. We have enclosed a list of questions at Appendix A for your company to complete with respect to your activities in our Core Area. Please provide detailed responses to allow ANA to better understand your activities and to prepare to evaluate them.
- 2) Capacity funding: The process of evaluating your activities and engaging with your company comes at an expense to ANA. We must hire staff, engage our community, and obtain professional support from experts, lawyers, and advisors to engage with you in a meaningful way. Our First Nation is even more impoverished than our First Nation peers due to the ongoing impacts of mercury poisoning. We lack the funds required to engage in an informed way. Please commit to funding ANA's reasonable costs of engaging with your company.
- 3) Mercury Crisis: Our territory has already experienced a great deal of harm from industrial activities including mercury, damming, and industrial logging. The cumulative effects of these industrial impacts have already passed the point of an unreasonable, unjustifiable impact on the exercise of our Treaty rights, and on our health and wellbeing.

As a result, our community suffers from unusually high rates of conditions including poverty, food insecurity, disease, neurological conditions, conditions affecting learning, and premature death. We cannot tolerate any further imposed impacts to our environment, our rights, our health, and our wellbeing. As well, the social conditions created by mercury poisoning and the cumulative impacts of industry place us in an ongoing crisis which make us unable to meaningfully engage on mining exploration. We require that the Crown resolve our ongoing crisis caused by mercury contamination and cumulative impacts before we can meaningfully engage about mining.

4) Fundamental matters must be addressed: For decades Grassy Narrows has been raising important matters with the Crown including mercury justice, self-determination, unmet obligations, Treaty rights, cumulative impacts, withdrawals, free entry, land use designations, and land protection. Grassy Narrows has invited Ontario to a table to find honourable resolutions to these matters. For years, Ontario has refused to even come to the table. Ontario continues to refuse to come to the table on the fundamental issues that require negotiation. The issues with these many mining claims and other tenures flow from larger upstream strategic issues which continue to fester because Ontario refuses to engage on them, but rather seeks to impose their unilateral will on Grassy Narrows. As the decades pass, it is Grassy Narrows people and our environment who suffer as a result. Ontario must deal honourably with Grassy Narrows by resolving in good faith these long-standing matters.

Grassy Narrows requests that you and your associates at your company meet with the Grassy Narrows Lands Protection Team, once the above barriers have been addressed, to identify and discuss any third-party interests you and your associates at your company may have in the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining that conflict with Grassy Narrows' rights and interests.

In preparation for a meeting and to ensure it is constructive amongst the parties, Grassy Narrows requests that you and your associates at your company respond to this letter in writing to:

- Confirm your company's attendance at the corporate stakeholder meeting;
- Specify your company's representatives, and their positions, who will attend the meeting;
- Commit to respect the ANA Law and confirm your agreement not to pursue any miningrelated activities within the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining without ANA's free, prior, and informed consent;
- Commit that your company will work with Grassy Narrows in good faith to resolve any potentially conflicting third-party interests in the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining;
- Specify with particulars any third-party interests you believe exist in the area proposed as the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining with relation to your company's staked claims or tenures and any concerns which may need to be resolved, and your suggested resolution; and
- Respond to the questions that are listed in Appendix A.

Please respond within 90 days and address all correspondence to Joseph Fobister, Lead Negotiator for the Grassy Narrows Lands Protection Team. While copying ANA's Lands Protection Team, Mike Fobister, David Sone, Jackie Esmonde, Sydney Lang, Dan Mossip-Balkwill, and Annelies Cooper.

We look forward to meeting with you and your associates at your company.

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Asubpeeschoseewagong Anishinabek (Grassy Narrows First Nation)

Joseph Fobister, Lead Negotiator for the Grassy Narrows Lands Protection Team.

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APPENDIX A

INFORMATION REQUESTS

ANA has become aware that you and your associates at your company hold claims or other mining tenures and may be planning to carry out staking, exploration or mining related work in our area ("mining related activity"). Please provide the following information and answer the following questions in detail in order to allow ANA to understand and assess your activities.

- 1. Detail when and how your company, and any predecessors on these claims or tenures, have contacted Grassy Narrows and/or MINES with regards to any claim staking and exploration or mining related activity within our Interim Core Area and provide copies of all correspondence to date. Please also provide copies of any previous correspondence between your company, and its predecessors, and Grassy Narrows.
- 2. Please provide copies of any correspondence between your company and MINES about these claims or mining tenures.
- 3. Did MINES inform your company that these claims were on Grassy Narrows Territory and within the Grassy Narrows Interim Core Area?
- 4. Did MINES inform your company that Grassy Narrows has rights and interests in this Area and is concerned about claim staking, mining exploration, and mining activity in this Area?
- 5. If your claims or tenures were previously held by anybody else, please detail your and your company's relationship with any individuals or companies who previously owned these claims.
- 6. Do you or your company have an exploration plan or other mining related plans for these claims or tenures, and if so, please provide a copy.
- 7. Have you or your company or any predecessors, carried out any early exploration activity which does not require notice to MINES or MNRF? If so, please provide detailed information about this work?
- 8. Does your company have any existing plans, or plans under development, for mining related activity of any kind in, or near, our Interim Core Area, or which could impact the Interim Core Area? If so, please provide complete details. If not, will you commit to sharing with us any such plans, the moment they come under development, should such an instance arise?
- 9. Specify which mineral resource(s) is/are being explored or developed.
- 10. Specify the size of the workforce carrying out mining related activities. Provide small/medium scale maps (aerial photography or satellite imagery if possible) of the locality/region that is the subject of the claim staking and any planned mining related activity.
- 11. Provide a more detailed large-scale map showing location (at high resolution) identifying

where specific mineral exploration activity is to occur. This would identify which mineral claim and where within the mineral claim the planned worksite will be, or has been, and any relevant geographic features. Buffers should be built around the worksite locations to reflect post-permitting 'adjustment' of actual drill hole or access route.

- 12. Provide any surface geology or other thematic mapping that might suggest landforms important for wildlife distribution, Traditional Land Use, etc. (i.e. eskers, end moraines, outwash channels, glacial lake beds, rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands, portages, etc.).
- 13. Specify location and provide a detailed summary of any prior mining related activity in the proposed program area, including prior staking, permits and leases, and maps showing their locations.
- 14. If remediation from past activities is required, how will you remediate the site(s)? If remediation from past activities is not required, please provide documentation supporting this.
- 15. What is the nature of the proposed activity (e.g. early-stage prospecting, magnetic surveys, geotech auger sampling, shovel testing, diamond drilling, reciprocal drilling with water, bulk sampling, blasting of bedrock, trenching, etc.)? What is the anticipated physical impact of the activity? When will the activity take place? Where will the specific activity take place?
- 16. Detail the planned access to the proposed program and its location in relation to trails and winter roads in the area. Have or will any new access routes such as trails be created? What alternative access options have been identified, how were they assessed and why was the preferred option chosen?
- 17. How and when will the worksite be accessed? (e.g. chopper access, winter road logistics, walking rigs on trails prepared by bulldozer, etc.)
- 18. Has or will a camp site be constructed? Where? Please detail relevant logistics regarding the base camp and waste disposal.
- 19. Have or will camp materials be removed after the work? In detail, how will garbage, brush, sewage and overburden be dealt with? What kinds of fuel will be used, and how and where will the fuel be stored? How will the fuel be transferred, and what is the contingency plan in the event of a spill? Following the mining related activity, how will the site be cleaned up, reclaimed, or remediated?
- 20. Please detail the fuel dump management plan. Where are dumps to be located and what are the protocols for removal of barrels or containing spills? Detail whether stream crossings or travel close to lake shores will occur? In addition, detail overlay of proposed activity with hydrological features to understand proximity to lakes, wetlands, and river systems and identify which fish species use those water bodies, and whether any spawning areas or other special habitat areas exist in the area.
- 21. Detail strategies for protection from spills, ground disturbance, and enhanced erosion from preparing approaches.
- 22. Will the past or future work, including access, disturb soils in such a way that will

increase the release of mercury from those soils, or increase the net methylation of mercury within those soils? What assessment has been done and what evidence supports your position? What monitoring will be done to confirm this?

- 23. Specify the nature of site preparation for drilling or other activities (i.e. drill dropped in by chopper onto a log pad, or drill pad cleared and levelled by bulldozer).
- 24. Provide an overlay of the proposed activity with range maps of moose, wolverine, and caribou.
- 25. Provide an overlay of proposed activity with land classification details, with a special focus on the sub-range habitat features for moose, wolverine, and caribou (e.g. wintering areas, nursery areas and travel corridors, calving areas, denning areas).
- 26. Detail the source of all water to be used in the exploration program and their geographic locations. If drilling requires water, where will the water be drawn from; how will it be transported (pump and hose through bush, or hauled in water tanker behind vehicle and drawn along prepared trails); how much will be used, and how will waste water be disposed of?
- 27. Will the past or future work disturb waterways in such a way that will increase the release of mercury from those waterways, or increase the net methylation of mercury within those waterways or other impacts? What assessment has been done and what evidence supports your position? What monitoring will be done to confirm this?
- 28. Will any drilling fluids be used? If so, which? What are the procedures that will be used to ensure their safety including storage, use, recovery, removal, and spills?
- 29. Will any toxic substances be used in the work on present on site? If so, which? What are the procedures that will be used to ensure their safety including storage, use, recovery, removal, and spills?
- 30. What other authorizations (e.g. fisheries, permit to take water, other permits) are required for this project?
- 31. How will the mining-related activities change the water, air or land? What impacts will each of these changes have on land, water, fish, and wildlife?
- 32. Have or will your mining-related activities create any off-site impacts that will impact the Interim Core Area such as downstream or downwind impacts, impacts to migratory wildlife and fish, edge effects, etc.?
- 33. What will the cumulative impacts of your current and planned activities be and how does this contribute to the overall cumulative impacts of industry on Grassy Narrows Interim Core Area?
- 34. What First Nations Territories are included in the area of your mining-related activities?
- 35. What communication have you or your company had with MINES about Aboriginal and Treaty rights in relation to your mining-related? Please provide copies.

- 36. Has MINES delegated to you or your company any of the procedural (or other) aspects of the Crown's legal duty under Canadian law for consultation and meaningful accommodation with First Nations? If so, which? Please provide all relevant documentation.
- 37. What is your company's opinion on what ANA's inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights are on the area of your mining-related activities?
- 38. What is your company's opinion on what your responsibilities are with respect to ANA's inherent, Aboriginal, and Treaty rights in the area of your mining-related activities?
- 39. Does your company commit to abiding by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?
- 40. Does your company commit to not carry out staking, mining exploration, and other mining related activities in the Interim Core Area of Interest for Mining unless ANA has given its free, prior, and informed consent?
- 41. Will your company fund ANA's reasonable costs of engaging with your company including the costs of ANA staff, community engagement, experts, legal counsel, and advisors?
- 42. Will your company fund ANA to commission an independent archaeological assessment of your activity areas including drill sites, access routes, camps, waste sites, etc.?
- 43. Does your company have a policy and an enforcement plan to prevent gender-based violence by your employees and contractors?
- 44. What is the total area (in ha) of your company's combined claims and leases in the Interim Core Area?
- 45. What is the total dollar value of the work that you and/or your company has, or any predecessors have, done on claims and leases in the Interim Core Area to date?
- 46. What is your and/or your company's appraisal of the market value of your combined claims and leases in the Interim Core Area?
- 47. Does your company commit to respecting the ANA Land Declaration and other ANA laws?
- 48. Do you and/or your company believe that you have any interests in the Interim Core Area? Please specify.
- 49. Do you and/or your company believe that any of your asserted interests may conflict with the Interim Core Area? Please specify how and provide reasons. Please also outline your company's proposed resolution.
- 50. Do you or your company have any other concerns which may need to be resolved with ANA? Please outline your suggested resolutions in detail.
- 51. Do you and/or your company commit to working with ANA in good faith to resolve any

potentially conflicting interests which you and/or your company believes you have in the Interim Core Area?

52. Will you and/or your company write a letter expressing support for ANA's Interim Core Area?