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**Attention: Mr. Evan Berger, MLA for Livingstone-Macleod**

Dear Minister Knight:

**Re: Proposed Micrex Burmis Magnetite Mine on the Flanks of the Livingstone Range**

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You recently wrote a letter to Mr. Brinkman in response to a letter of his to you respecting the Micrex Burmis Magnetite Project. Mr. Brinkman shared your letter with me.

In of your letter dated December 17, 2010 you indicated that the Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Integrated Resource Plan (the "IRP") is a management tool of the Alberta Government for the area. You then state that: "This approved land management plan allows for a range of activities, including the exploration and development of mineral reserves".

We beg to differ with that statement. The proposed Operating Area, Proposed Quarry, and Quarry Access Road are at the headwaters of Connelly Creek. We provide you with an annotated map of the area, being a map of Lornel Consultants which was published by Micrex in their Materials submitted to Alberta Environment, annotated by the writer as to creek names, etc. (enclosed).

Turning to the IRP, the mineral interests of Micrex are mainly, if not entirely, within areas marked with the number "2" as shown by map "G" on page 126 of the IRP (area "G" is the Crowsnest Watershed Resource Management Area, one of 7 Resource Management Areas). "2" means: critical wildlife (zone) (map enclosed).

The proposed Operating Area and Quarry Access Road of Micrex is just adjacent to area "G". We acknowledge that there is a small zone marked "5" near Micrex's proposed Operating Area and Access Road, but all areas adjacent to that one small zone are marked "2". Also, we know from then-Minister Coutts' letter dated June 17, 2002 (enclosed) that land at this location was purchased by the Government of Alberta to preserve wildlife habitat there.

Page 125 of the IRP states that: "The critical wildlife zone serves to identify several areas in the Crowsnest Watershed that are crucial to the survival of terrestrial species".

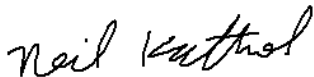
We have previously referred to Environmentally Sensitive Area ("ESA") documentation, the IL-93-9 Policy for Oil and Gas Developments, and the other Government of Alberta documents confirming the importance of the general area surrounding Micrex's proposed Operating Area and sites of potential access roads as areas of special importance to Albertans and to be preserved from industrialization.

### **Micrex Open House and Public Feedback**

The last paragraph of your letter indicated that SRD is reviewing Micrex-provided public feedback to its recent Open House. I want to be clear that I attended the Open House, and written questionnaires were not available to me (notwithstanding that I requested one within about 45 minutes of the commencement of the Open House). I was handed a booklet or piece of lined paper by Carolyn Robin-Moore on which several people had written their e-mail addresses and was told by her to add mine if I wished to receive a questionnaire that I could complete in the mail, which I did and returned the sheet(s) to her, and subsequently I did not ever receive a questionnaire for completion. I would have strongly opposed the proposal as you know. I question the genuineness of the Open House information you received and that SRD received. I realize that others have written to you on this topic.

I thank you in advance for receiving and reviewing this, and look forward to any comments that you may wish to provide.

Yours sincerely,



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