

June 30, 2009

Reg Whiten, Senior Planner
Peel Watershed Planning Commission
307 Jarvis Street, Suite 201
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2H3

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Dear Mr Whiten,

Re: Peel Watershed Draft Land Use Plan.

I am writing you today on behalf of the Strategic Exploration Group of companies, which include ATAC Resources Ltd., Strategic Metals Ltd. and Rockhaven Resources Ltd. These companies hold over 100 properties in the Yukon, many of which are in or near the boundaries of the Peel Watershed. We believe that the Peel Watershed Draft Land Use Plan (Peel Watershed Plan) does not fully respect the value and significance of the mining and mineral exploration industry to that region.

One of the many reasons that our group is focussed in the Yukon is that Yukon is continuously ranked among the best areas in the world to conduct mineral exploration (Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies). The Peel Watershed Plan, if adopted as is, could set a standard for percentages of protection in the remaining six planning regions covering the entire Yukon. The plan calls for 63.3% of the Peel Watershed to be eventually protected (when existing grandfathered claims expire) with severe restrictions on exploration on most of the remaining 36.7%.

Mineral exploration and global commodity focus are cyclical in nature and are thus sensitive to time. Will exploration companies want to renew grandfathered claims when base metals markets are down for long periods? Furthermore, will exploration companies want to explore in highly prospective areas of mineral potential when access routes are completely restricted? Even though the Peel Watershed Plan may allow grandfathered claims, there is a very real risk that the area will have been unintentionally sterilized from all future exploration or development.

The economic benefits from responsible mineral exploration and development are obvious. Yukoners are acutely aware and the Yukon government surely understands that mineral exploration and mining dollars trickle down throughout the entire Territory. Our group of companies in combination with our principal geological consultants (Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited) have infused tens of millions of dollars over the past twenty years into the Yukon economy. We are willing to continue our exploration in the Yukon under the current exploration and mining environment but, we are nervous about the ramifications of the current Peel Watershed Plan, were the plan adopted as is. Is the Yukon government prepared to snuff out current and growing mineral exploration investment through broad brush protectionism?

The Yukon has a rich history of mining and mineral exploration and this industry is on its way to becoming the number one private sector industry in the Yukon for 2009. The Yukon government has also worked very hard to implement regulatory and permitting systems that facilitate ongoing responsible mining and exploration. We feel that the Peel Watershed Plan is ill-conceived and will set a bad precedent for future planning regions. We ask you to seriously consider the ramifications of passing the current Peel Watershed Plan with respect to the mineral-rich Peel Watershed area, the remaining six planning regions and the Yukon economy.

Yours truly,

ATAC RESOURCES LTD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Downs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Graham Downs, CEO