



Western Copper Corporation

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Dear Ms. Wright-Bird

Western Copper would like to thank you and other members of the Sahtu Land Use Board for providing an opportunity to comment on Draft 2 of the Sahtu Land Use Plan dated April 30, 2009 (the "Plan"). We have reviewed the Plan and also attended the consultation session held for mining industry representatives on June 30, 2009 in Yellowknife.

Background

Western Copper has an interest in the content of the Plan as our Redstone project lies partially in the area addressed by the Plan and the two property access routes under consideration would be located in areas covered by the Plan.

The Nahanni Sixty Syndicate first discovered copper occurrences that became the Redstone project in 1961. Since that time, a number of parties undertook significant exploration of the area culminating in the definition of an inferred resource of 34 million tonnes of 3.92% copper and 9.0 g/t silver. As part of this effort, Kilborn Engineering performed an initial economic study in 1989 that indicated that, with additional exploration, the project could be economic. This report also identified access routes to the property (drawing attached).

Western Copper purchased the property from Lumina Resources in 2006 for just under C\$ 12 million dollars and intends to continue exploration of the property, with the goal of developing the project into a working mine.

Grandfathering

As a number of Western Copper's claims and both of the access routes under consideration currently lie under land designated as "Proposed Conservation Initiatives" or "Special Management Zones", their development will fall under 1.7.5 – Exempt Activities.

Western Copper would like to see this area of the plan expanded to clearly outline the rights given to holders of existing permits, licenses, or authorizations in the various zones. It is important that Western Copper retain the right to continue their exploration program, have full access to the site during the exploration and development phase, and be able to develop the Redstone project into an operating mine with all-season access under the Plan with minimal additional restrictions.

Plan Overview

The vision presented in the consultation session on June 30th in Yellowknife, contains the following statements:

- *"Industrial development and vast wilderness areas are balanced where the most important places remain untouched"*, followed by
- *"Responsible development occurs outside these areas with community values being protected"*.

Western Copper does not think that zoning significant areas of the land to not allow exploration and mining activity and then grandfathering existing exploration and mining use in these areas is an effective way to accomplish this vision as the zoned areas would have a significant number of exemptions due to current mining claims.

It appears that the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board shares this concern as they state in the Plan and other documents that grandfathering "would mean that the Plan would have little to no effect on development for years until existing rights expire" and would "defeat the purpose of the Plan". Western Copper thinks that an approach that protects the "most important places", while allowing for responsible mineral development in all other areas would be more in keeping with the vision.

Additionally, Western Copper feels that there are many conformity requirements in the Plan that are unnecessarily prescriptive, and will be difficult for any business doing work in the area to abide by - for example CR#16. We think that setting these requirements is best done by the assessor granting the license, which will allow for setting of site specific prescriptive conformity requirements.

A few additional more specific comments on the plan follow:

- Existing uses (1.7.5). The "progression from exploration to development of a resource" can take many forms and should allow for mining companies to grow the resource through staking and claiming of adjacent areas. To not allow for this would significantly reduce the value of the initial claims.

- Mining (2.5.6). The description of mining in this document needs to be revised. Some issues identified:
 - Description of mining as a risky business has no place in this document.
 - The ease of geological mapping of mineral potential is a subjective statement.
 - A description of current mining projects, their status, the spending by mining companies in the area, and potential economic benefits of the various mining projects under consideration should be discussed to be consistent with the other land uses described in section 2.5.
- Plan (CR#8). “New technologies” can be problematic if unproven. “Best proven technologies” is a better term.
- Plan (CR#12). Waste water from land use activities may or may not need to be treated based on contaminant levels in the water. This should be changed to state that waste water discharged needs to meet certain environmental criteria.
- Plan (CR#19). A provision should be made for materials and waste to be buried on site if it meets certain environmental stipulations.

Western Copper again would like to thank the Board for allowing us to comment on the plan and are available to further discuss our concerns regarding the Plan at the Board’s convenience.

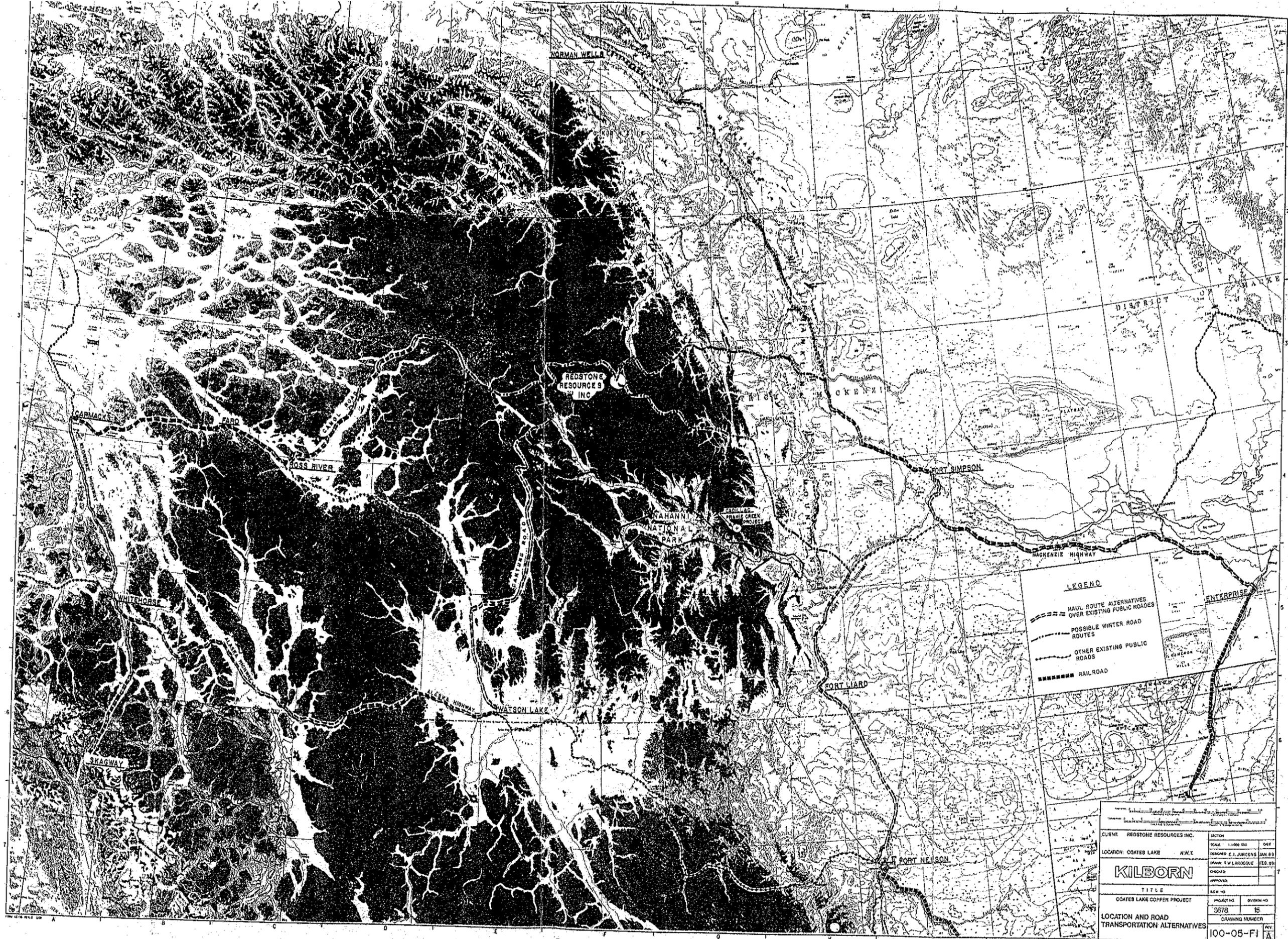
Sincerely,



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Encl.: “Location and road transportation alternatives”, Drawing 100-05-FI, Kilborn Study, March 1989.



LEGEND

- HAUL ROUTE ALTERNATIVES OVER EXISTING PUBLIC ROADS
- - - POSSIBLE WINTER ROAD ROUTES
- OTHER EXISTING PUBLIC ROADS
- ==== RAILROAD

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