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**Re: 2150038 Alberta Inc. De Havilland Field Project**  
**Summary of Issues Comments**

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**Dzinisi guja,**

The Tsuut'ina Nation is submitting comments regarding the De Havilland Field Project, this project is within our traditional territory and we have some concerns as there may be potential and cumulative impacts to our Treaty and Inherent Rights.

There is a tendency to limit Indigenous engagement to the basics; notifications, letters, emails and face-to-face meetings. Engagement has to be more tangible and ongoing, establishing an Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee for this project is an option, we see this as a relationship built on communication, trust, mutual economic benefits, employment benefits and meaningful involvement for Indigenous Peoples.

We have an issue with the statement that social effects to Indigenous communities is not expected as the project will not stimulate population growth nor will they require out-of-area workers. That is not correct, there will be an influx of specialized workforce, both construction and aviation. There is a concern that abuse towards vulnerable individuals may occur and what is the safety and security plan to address it and prevent it.

Another concern is bias towards the Indigenous Peoples, there is documented incidents of bias within the town of Strathmore already, will there be any cultural sensitivity training be given to the whole workforce and to the businesses hired for this project? What is the plan to ensure security of Indigenous Peoples involved in this project?

We saw the statistics of 1500 required workers for this project and the commitment to identify opportunities for employment, contracting and procurement for Indigenous Peoples. They reference their principles for engagement, pacifying but we need something more. How can Indigenous Peoples be involved, does the procurement process allow for successful bidding, what specialized workforce are needed, how can we prepare our Peoples to successfully acquire meaningful and career employment?



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The project location is in croplands but there is still life there, such as intermitted wetlands, eight rare bird species and owls, just because other wildlife was not seen does not mean they are not there. We know that there is a possibility that medicinal plants and shrubs may be in that location and that would be an impact to our ceremonial traditional land use.

We have other concerns but those are when the project becomes operational, we are concerned on water quality, noise, emissions, fuel storage and runway run off and emergency management plans.

We have oral narratives that speak of the location area, we feel the spirit of our Peoples are within the land, we ask that ceremony be conducted to warn the land and all the living things of this upcoming project and that they may be impacted. We ask for this respect and for protocols to be done.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments and ask that other pertinent information be forwarded to us.

**Siyisgaas!**

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