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Sent by email

RE: Baptiste Nickel Project – Identification of Participating Nations

Dear Ms. Nieman and Ms. St James:

Binche Whut'enne ("the people of Binche") hold Aboriginal rights and title within its Traditional Consultative Boundary and exercises governance authority over its lands and resources, including those areas overlapped by the proposed Baptiste Nickel Project. The Binche Keyoh Bu Society (BKBS) is an established society established under the Societies Act that is responsible for resource development project within our Traditional Territory, outside of the reserve land.

We confirm that Binche, as the Binche Keyoh Bu Society, on behalf of the Binche Whut'enne wish to participate in the federal and provincial environmental impact assessment processes for the Baptiste Nickel Project, as a Participating Indigenous Nation under the BC Environmental Assessment Act, subject to ongoing governance oversight. Participation does not constitute consent or approval of the Project.

We have worked with FPX Nickel, the proponent of the Baptiste Project, in the development and review of the Initial Project Description. Our preliminary issues and interests related to the Baptiste Nickel Project are reflected in the current Initial Project Description. Binche expects continued collaboration in identifying culturally sensitive areas and implementing appropriate protection measures as the project activities increase.

Binche is ready to participate in a substituted environment assessment process, provided that federal oversight remains substantive and effective, and that matters within federal jurisdiction are subject to a



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level of scrutiny equivalent to that applied in a stand-alone federal assessment. Binche seeks clear assurances from IAAC how this will be achieved.

Going forward, Binche expects continued transparency, timely sharing of technical information, and direct dialogue with the Society and Keyoh families. Establishing a consistent collaboration structure—such as scheduled meetings and technical working groups—will support coordinated and effective long-term planning. Further, we request support from the BC EAO and IAAC in further preparation for the EA process including capacity support and in community education and training to support Binche governance processes.

We appreciate your recognition of the Binche Keyoh Bu Society as a participating nation with respect to the proposed Baptiste Nickel Project.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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C.c. Joshua Hallman, Chair/President, Binche Keyoh Bu Society