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May 4th, 2010

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Dear Rob,

**Re: Approval of Lightning Creek Bypass Road Construction and Operation Plan
Bellekeno Mine Project QML-0009**

Pursuant to section 13.1 of Quartz Mining License QML-0009 (the "License"), the Lightning Creek Bypass Road Development and Operations Plan was submitted to the Chief for review and approval. This submission was entitled "*Lightning Creek Bypass Road Construction and Operation Plan, QML-0009, April 2010*" (the "Lightning Creek Bypass Plan") and was prepared by Access Consulting Group. The Lightning Creek Bypass Plan was received electronically in my office on April 16th, 2010.

I have reviewed the Lightning Creek Bypass Plan and have determined that it is approved. Prior to commencement of the work described in this plan, all necessary approval must be obtained from Yukon Highways and Public Works.

I wish to remind you that surface use authorization is required pursuant to the *Territorial Lands Act* for that portion of the Lightning Creek Bypass Road which lies outside of the quartz claims controlled by the Licensee. Other terms and conditions may be included in that authorization for surface use.

I wish to note that the submission of the Lightning Creek Bypass Plan partly fulfills the requirement of condition 1 of Traffic Management Plan approval, in the letter from Robert Holmes to Clynt Nauman, dated February 8th, 2010. In addition to the actions stated, if monitoring of public access on mine haul roads indicates a need for increasingly stringent control strategies, various options shall be investigated and implemented, along with a report to the Chief of actions taken.

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I wish to confirm that as per section 15.13 of the License, your notification of intent to commence construction of the Lightning Creek Bypass Road was received electronically in my office on April 21st, 2010.

Neither I nor the Yukon Government makes any representations or warranties as to the sufficiency or adequacy of the plans or designs described in the Lightning Creek Bypass Plan. Further, you are reminded that the approval of the Chief pertains only to the Chief's responsibilities under the *Quartz Mining Act* and that all work undertaken in relation to the Lightning Creek Bypass Road Construction and Operation Plan must comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and related regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-667-3126.

Sincerely,



Robert Holmes
Director, Mineral Resources

cc: Greg Komaromi, Assistant Deputy Minister of Oil, Gas & Mineral Resources
Chief Simon Mervyn Sr., First Nation of Nă-cho Nyak Dun
Kevin McDonnell, Director, Water Resources
William Leary, Natural Resources Officer, Mayo