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Subject: COMEX PUBLIC HEARING IN WASWANUPI

Mr. Chairman,

With regards to the above-mentioned subject, we hereby request that the December 8, 2015 public hearing, announced a few weeks ago, be postponed to a subsequent date.

As Chief of the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi, I have the duty to ensure that recent and accurate information be provided to the Band Council and to the community members before we can properly and rightfully participate in such a public hearing by COMEX.

This public hearing particularly aims to inform the community members on the environmental impact assessment of the forest access road project on Eeyou Istchee Land. The environmental impact assessment provided for this project is however based on obsolete information. As we can read in this assessment, dated March 2010, at pages 46 to 48 and in the Appendix 11, the information relevant to Waswanipi was gathered between December 2009 and February 2010; almost six years ago.

We strongly feel that such an important topic that could bring long and permanent changes to our traditional lands has to be discussed with current and relevant information and we therefore request that an updated environmental impact assessment be provided before an efficient public hearing on the forest access road project be held.

The protection of our forests is at the heart of our traditional way of life and it is very important for us to be able to properly participate in these decisions.

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Chief Marcel Happyjack
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c.c. *Mrs. Marie-Michèle Tessier, Executive Secretary*

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