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Mr. Hunter Harrison
President & CEO
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

Re: CN Land Use Issues in the Cariboo Regional District

Further to a meeting that was held in Lac La Hache, BC on November 17, 2005, I would like to submit the attached meeting summary and minutes for your perusal. I am somewhat disappointed in the lack of cooperation we have recently received from CN.

Your corporation's imposition of significant maintenance and liability insurance costs on property owners with level rail crossings, refusal to repair fences on private property rights-of-way, and lack of compensation to local ranchers for cattle killed as a result of those fences not being repaired, shows complete disregard for the citizens of British Columbia.

The Cariboo Regional District understands that some of these issues are starting to be addressed by your colleagues in a more proactive manner than has been the case in the past. I want to make you aware however, that the situation in Lac La Hache is not being given the attention it requires. I have taken the liberty of sending you a sampling of the letters that we have received from our constituents outlining their concerns about having this type of an operation undertaken in an area that is primarily residential and ecologically fragile.

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Municipalities Quesnel Wells Williams Lake 100 Mile House

Electoral Areas A. Red Bluff - Quesnel B. Quesnel West - Bouchie Lake - Ten Mile C. Barlow - Bowron D. Wildwood - McLeese Lake
E. Esler - Dog Creek F. 150 Mile House - Horsefly-Likely G. Lac La Hache - 108 Mile H. Carim Lake - Forest Grove I. Narcosli - Nazko
J. West Chilcotin K. East Chilcotin L. Lone Butte - Interlakes

We invited Mr. Larry Yurkiw, CN Manager of Real Estate and Business Development to the Lac La Hache meeting, but he unfortunately was unable to attend the session due to previous commitments. In our opinion, it was a missed opportunity for CN to restore its image as a good corporate citizen.

The people of Lac La Hache are clearly and vehemently opposed to this type of operation conducting business in the proposed location. I look forward to speaking with you to outline a strategy to address the concerns of the residents of Lac La Hache and the Cariboo Regional District. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can start to build a working relationship based on mutual respect and support.

Yours truly,



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Director
Electoral Area G

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Premier Gordon Campbell, Province of British Columbia

The Honourable, Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, Province of British Columbia

The Honourable, Jean C. Lapierre, Minister of Transportation, Government of Canada

