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MCK supports two First Nations requesting mining moratorium

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(Kahnawake – 28, Kenténha/October 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform the community that Chief & Council have sent a Letter of Support to the First Nations of Eagle Village and Wolf Lake, who have requested a moratorium on a major project involving the mining of uranium and other rare earth elements within their traditional lands.

“The MCK has been made aware of this situation and is sending this Letter of Support as a show of solidarity with Eagle Village and Wolf Lake,” said Environment Portfolio Chief Clinton Phillips. “They are asking that Matamec’s rare earths project must not occur without the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of the affected First Nations, which has not happened.”

The letter is attached.

Eagle Village and Wolf Lake are neighboring Algonquin communities located close to the Ottawa River in western Quebec in the Temiscamingue region.

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT EAGLE VILLAGE AND WOLF LAKE FIRST NATIONS

Wa'tkwanonhwera:ton (Greetings),

The Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke affirm that the exploration, development and mining of any minerals, including uranium and rare earth elements, on the traditional lands of First Nations must not occur without the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent ("FPIC") of the affected First Nations.

Therefore, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke ("MCK") hereby supports Eagle Village and Wolf Lake First Nations' position requesting a moratorium on uranium and rare earth elements mining on their traditional lands and reminds the government of Quebec of its duty to consult and accommodate First Nations regarding mining projects on First Nation lands. Given the certain and serious impacts of mining projects on First Nation lands, this duty includes ensuring that the FPIC of affected First Nations is secured prior to any projects receiving government approval.

The MCK extends this letter of support as a show of solidarity with Eagle Village and Wolf Lake First Nations, and this letter may be used or submitted by the councils of Eagle Village and Wolf Lake First Nations as they may deem appropriate.

In Peace and Friendship,

**ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**



Chief Clinton Tionawate Phillips
Environment Portfolio Chief

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