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Chief Casey Ratt stated “We have written the Quebec Premier and the relevant Ministers demanding that the lands within our ancestral Territory be withdrawn from staking and other mineral activity by the Minister, and that the existing mining claims be cancelled. We know the Quebec Mining Act provides authority for the Minister to restrict mining activities within our ancestral Territory and to cancel any existing mining claims in the territory.”



NO MINING!

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is allowing them to proceed, without any consultation or transparency

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Our Territory

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What we want

We want the Governments of Canada and Quebec to resume cooperation with us, for the development of a conservation strategy.

Broken promises

Mining activities are completely incompatible with both the terms and intent of the Trilateral Agreement of 1991, the Bilateral Agreement of 1998, and the 2006 Recommendations flowing therefrom, which is to ensure the continuation of our Algonquin Peoples' traditional activities and the sustainable use of renewable resources.

A lack of transparency

Representatives of our Algonquin Peoples specifically asked for confirmation from the Government of Quebec that no mining activities were contemplated on the Seaman forestry sector located on our ancestral (and current-use) Trilateral Agreement Territory, and had obtained written confirmation on August 6, 2016.

Since time immemorial, our First Nation has used and occupied our lands for the pursuit of traditional activities, managing the lands and resources, as part of our way of life, on the basis of conservation and harmony with Mother Earth. However, impacts from flooding, logging and wildlife depletion, in the last 125 years have devastated the lands and resources and disrupted our traditional way of life.

To overcome these impacts and to maintain our traditional way of life and to improve the management of the lands and resources for the benefit of all, our First Nation encouraged the Governments of Canada and Quebec to cooperate in a partnership in developing a conservation strategy based on the principles of sustainable development as expressed in the 1987 Report of the U.N. Committee on Environment and Development (Brundtland Report).

In good faith, our First Nation signed a Trilateral Agreement with Canada and Quebec on August 22, 1991 to promote sustainable development of renewable resources and the reconciliation of resource-uses by our Algonquin Peoples' and non-Algonquin people within the territory identified by the Trilateral Agreement, which is our ancestral (and current-use) territory.

ANNEX A

