

FILE NO.: SCT-7005-12
DATE: 20150203

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL DES REVENDICATIONS PARTICULIÈRES**

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| BETWEEN: |) | |
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| AHOUSAHT FIRST NATION |) | |
| |) | Stan Ashcroft, for the Claimant |
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| Claimant |) | |
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| – and – |) | |
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| HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT |) | |
| OF CANADA |) | |
| As represented by the Minister of Indian |) | Chris Elsner and Tanya Jorgenson, for the |
| Affairs and Northern Development |) | Respondent |
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| Respondent |) | |
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| |) | HEARD: January 29, 2015 |

ENDORSEMENT

Honourable W.L. Whalen

A Case Management Conference (CMC) was held by teleconference on January 29, 2015, at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

[1] The Claimant reported that it had completed its document production by November 18, 2014, including the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Report. The Respondent indicated that it had completed further document research as a result of receipt of the

Claimant's documents and the resulting documents found have been produced to the Claimant. Document production is therefore essentially complete although the Respondent may conduct further research as a result of disclosed elder oral history evidence.

[2] The Claimant has produced Will-Say Statements for two elders it proposes to present for the giving of oral history evidence. The Claimant has two more potential witnesses to interview, hopefully in the next week or two. One has been difficult to meet with because of the death of a spouse and ill health. The Claimant advised that all of the witnesses speak English so that translation will not be necessary. The Parties will consider whether they wish to receive the oral history evidence before the hearing. The question of oral history evidence will be canvassed again at the next CMC.

[3] The Respondent reported that it had audited tape-recorded Parks Canada Interviews produced by the Claimant. The recordings do not contain anything relevant to this Claim so the Respondent will not be relying on them.

[4] The Parties indicated that an initial draft of an index for a Common Book of Documents had been prepared, but it will need updating in view of document production since. The Respondent also reported that it might object to the admission of some documents. The Parties are hopeful that they can resolve this issue co-operatively. It will be canvassed at the next CMC.

[5] The Parties indicated that they had exchanged draft Agreed Statements of Fact and Issues some time ago. These will require updating in view of recent document production and cannot be completed until all of the oral history witnesses have been identified and their Will-Say Statements have been produced.

[6] The next CMC will be held by teleconference on April 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

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