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BETWEEN:

KWAKIUTL

Claimant

v.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA
 As represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Respondent

FURTHER AMENDED DECLARATION OF CLAIM
Original filed 09/Aug/2017
Pursuant to Rule 41 of the
Specific Claims Tribunal Rules of Practice and Procedure

This Declaration of Claim is filed under the provisions of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* and the *Specific Claims Tribunal Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

DATED the ___ day of _____, 2018.

 (Registry Officer)

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I. Claimant (R. 41(a))

1. The Claimant, Kwakiutl, confirms that it is a First Nation within the meaning of s. 2(a) of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*, in the Province of British Columbia (the “Province”).

II. Conditions Precedent (R. 41(c))

2. The following condition precedent as set out in s. 16(1) of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*, has been fulfilled:

16(1) A First Nation may file a claim with the Tribunal only if the claim has been previously filed with the Minister and

- (a) the Minister notified the First Nation in writing of his or her decision not to negotiate the claim, in whole or in part.
3. On or about February 29, 2012, Kwakiutl filed a claim according to the Specific Claim Policy of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (“Canada”), asserting that:
 - (a) the Crown breached the Fort Rupert Treaties of 1851 (“the Fort Rupert Treaties”) by failing to set aside as a reserve for Kwakiutl the Suquash village site (as illustrated in Appendix “A”) which included a coal mine operated by Kwakiutl;
 - (b) in failing to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl, the Crown breached their fiduciary duty owed to Kwakiutl; and
 - (c) as a result of these breaches, the Crown has been unjustly enriched (together the “Claim”).
4. By a letter from the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister dated February 2, 2015, Kwakiutl was informed of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development’s decision to reject the Claim.

5. The provisions of paragraph 16(1)(a) of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* have been met as Canada informed Kwakiutl in writing of their refusal to accept any obligations regarding the Fort Rupert Treaties and the setting aside of the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl.

III. Claim Limit (Act, s. 20(1)(b))

6. Kwakiutl has not subsequently resolved any part of its claim regarding the Suquash village site with Canada.
7. For the purposes of this claim, Kwakiutl does not seek compensation in excess of \$150 million.

IV. Grounds (Act, s. 14(1))

8. The following are the grounds for the specific claim, as provided for in s. 14(a) of the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*:
 - (a) a failure to fulfil a legal obligation of the Crown to provide lands or other assets under a treaty or another agreement between the First Nation and the Crown.

V. Allegations of Fact (R. 41(e))

The Fort Rupert Treaties

9. Between 1850 and 1854, James Douglas, chief factor of Fort Victoria and Governor of the colony, made a series of agreements with Aboriginal peoples on Vancouver Island (the “Douglas Treaties”).
10. In 1851, the Quakeolth and the Queackar signed treaties with James Douglas. These two treaties were part of the fourteen Douglas Treaties and are commonly referred to as the Fort Rupert Treaties (the “Fort Rupert Treaties”).
11. Around the time of the establishment of Fort Rupert in 1849, the population of the Quakeolth and Queackar, together with the Walas Kwakiutl and Komkiutis, was in the range of 2,025 to 2,250.

12. Following the establishment of Fort Rupert, the population of the Quakeolth, Queackar, Walas Kwakiutl and Komkiutis declined, reaching a nadir of 99 people in 1908, before stabilizing near this minimum level for the next couple of decades.

~~11.13. Kwakiutl is the modern day successor to the Quakeolth, and the Queackar, Walas Kwakiutl and Komkiutis, who signed the Fort Rupert Treaties.~~

~~12.14. The Fort Rupert Treaties provide land entitlement as follows:~~

Know all Men, We, the Chiefs and People of the Tribe called Queackars who have signed our Names and made our marks to this Deed on the Eighth day of February one thousand Eight hundred and fifty one do consent to surrender entirely and for ever to James Douglas the Agent of the Hudsons Bay Company on Vancouvers Island that is to say for the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Committee of the same the whole of the Lands situate and lying between MacNeills Harbor and Hardy Bay inclusive of these Ports and extending two miles into the interior of the Island. The condition of or understanding of this sale is this that our village sites and enclosed Fields are to be kept for our own use for the use of our children and for those who may follow after us and the Land shall be properly surveyed hereafter. It is understood however that the Land itself with these small exceptions becomes the entire Property of the white People for ever it is also understood that we are at liberty to hunt over the unoccupied Lands and to carry on our Fisheries as formerly.

...

Know all Men, We, the Chiefs and People of the Tribe called Quakeolths who have signed our Names and made our marks to this Deed on the Eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty one do consent to surrender entirely and for ever to James Douglas the Agent of the Hudson Bay Company on Vancouvers Island that is to say for the Governor, Deputy Governor and Committee of the same the whole of the Lands situate and lying between MacNeills Harbor and Hardy Bay inclusive of these Ports and extending two miles into the interior of the Island. The condition of or understanding of this Sale is that our Village sites and enclosed fields are to be kept for our own use for the use of our children and for those who may follow after us and the land shall be properly surveyed hereafter. It is understood however that the land itself with

these small exceptions becomes the entire Property of the white People for ever, it is also understood that we are at liberty to hunt over the unoccupied Lands and to carry on our Fisheries as formerly.

~~13.15.~~ The Fort Rupert Treaties permitted Kwakiutl to keep its “village sites and enclosed fields” immediately. The Fort Rupert Treaties also committed the Crown to survey those lands after the making of the treaties. These are distinct and separate treaty promises.

Suquash Village Site

~~14.16.~~ Kwakiutl occupied and used the Suquash village site prior to and after the Fort Rupert Treaties, which included multiple residences, a coalmine, and a fishing station at and near the mouth of Suquash Creek on Vancouver Island that included the foreshore.

~~15.17.~~ Trade in coal at the Suquash village site developed between the Kwakiutl and the Hudson’s Bay Company in the 1830’s. At all material times prior to the signing of the Fort Rupert Treaties in 1851, the Kwakiutl mined the coal entirely independently of the Hudson’s Bay Company.

~~16.18.~~ In or about 1836, Duncan Finlayson of the Hudson’s Bay Company “visited the Quaquills where the coals are situated” and stated “I do not think the mine can be worked without building an Establishment at it, there being a very populous village of Quaquill Indians, consisting of from 50 to 60 houses within 2 ½ miles of it... They informed us that they would not permit us to work the coals as they were valuable to them, but that they would labour in the mine themselves and sell to us the produce of their exertions...”

~~17.19.~~ In or about 1840, James Douglas recorded in his journal that the “Quakeeolth” at “Coal Mine” [Suquash] and the “Queechaw” [Kweeha] at Beaver Harbor were “numerous.” He further noted that “Coal Mine” was the “Place of Residence” of the Fort Rupert Tribes.

~~18.20.~~ In 1849, Sir George Simpson also recorded “the Indians occupying that part of the coast near which the coal mine is situated are numerous.”

~~19.21.~~ There are shell midden deposits at the mouth of Suquash Creek, indicating the presence of occupation and residence at the Suquash village site. Her Majesty the Queen in right of British Columbia (“British Columbia”) has acknowledged this area as a place of archeological significance, registering the shell midden deposits as archaeological site EdSt-2.

~~20.22.~~ The place name, “Suquash” is an Anglicization of the Kwawkwala name *sa⁶gwa's*, meaning ‘place of meat carving’ in reference to seal hunting.

~~21.23.~~ In or about August 1851, the Hudson’s Bay Company moved their coal mining operations to Suquash and constructed two exploratory bores and pits. The Kwakiutl continued to mine the surface coal at Suquash.

~~22.24.~~ At the time of the Fort Rupert Treaties, the Suquash village site included houses of residence, a Kwakiutl-operated coalmine and a fishing station that included the foreshore, where sealing and other fishing activities took place.

Policy informing the Fort Rupert Treaties

~~23.25.~~ The language “village sites and enclosed fields” used in the Fort Rupert Treaties was based on the language used in agreements between the Maori and the Crown in New Zealand. The concept of “village sites and enclosed fields” was foreign to the Kwakiutl who sustained themselves primarily on fishing. Gardens and fenced fields were not part of their traditional way of life. At the time of the Fort Rupert Treaties, the Crown and the Hudson’s Bay Company were aware that Kwakiutl had no enclosed fields *per se*.

~~24.26.~~ In 1849, the Governor and Committee of the Hudson’s Bay Company instructed James Douglas as to the policy he should follow regarding the natives stating:

“With respect to the rights of the natives you will have to confer with the Chiefs of the tribes on that subject, and in

your negotiations with them you are to consider the natives as the rightful possessors of such lands only as they occupied by cultivation, or had houses built on at the time when the Island came under the undivided sovereignty of Great Britain in 1846...”

25:27. On October 14, 1874, in a letter to Indian Commissioner Powell, James Douglas described his policy of establishing Indian Reserves in the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. The letter illustrates how Douglas applied the reserve policy to suit the circumstances and customs of the coastal tribes of the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, notwithstanding the borrowed language of “village sites and enclosed fields”:

...in laying out Indian reserves no specific number of acres was insisted on. The principle followed in all cases, was to leave the extent & selection of the land, entirely optional with the Indians who were immediately interested in the Reserve; the surveying officers having instructions to meet their wishes in every particular & to include in each reserve the permanent Village sites, the fishing stations, & Burial grounds, cultivated land & all the favorite resorts of the Tribes, & in short to include every piece of ground to which they had acquired an equitable title through continuous occupation, tillage, or other investment of their labour”.

26:28. Under the Douglas’ policy, the provision of “village sites and enclosed fields” in the Fort Rupert Treaties was to include not just residential areas, but “every piece of ground to which they had acquired an equitable title through continuous occupation, tillage, or other investment of their labour.”

27:29. The Crown’s obligations under the Fort Rupert Treaties crystallized when the treaties were signed in 1851. Kwakiutl had been occupying the Suquash village site since at least 1830, residing there, and operating an active coalmine and a fishing station that included the foreshore. Kwakiutl had acquired an equitable title to the Suquash village site through continuous occupation, tillage, and investment of labour.

28:30. As a result, the Suquash village site constituted a Kwakiutl “village site and enclosed field” pursuant to the Fort Rupert Treaties and colonial policy. Once the

Fort Rupert Treaties were signed, the Suquash village site was reserved for Kwakiutl's use and benefit by operation of law through the exercise of royal prerogative.

~~29.31.~~ However the reserve at the Suquash village was never "properly surveyed" by the Imperial Crown and Canada as required by the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~30.32.~~ The *Terms of Union of May 16, 1871* provided that Canada would be liable for the debts and liabilities of the former Colony of British Columbia at the time of the union. The *Terms of Union* also provided that the *Constitution Act, 1867* would apply as if the former Colony of British Columbia were one of the original provinces of Confederation. The *Terms of Union* further provided that "the charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit" would be assumed by Canada. Canada thus became bound to the terms of the Fort Rupert Treaties and became responsible as a fiduciary to Kwakiutl with regard to the Suquash village site reserved under the Fort Rupert Treaties.

Failure To Survey and To Set Aside the Suquash Village Site as a Reserve for Kwakiutl

~~31.33.~~ Alternatively, if further steps were required by law to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl, Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Colony of Vancouver Island and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Colony of British Columbia (together, the "Imperial Crown") and Canada have never taken those steps thereby depriving Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit, and enjoyment of that asset.

~~32.34.~~ When the former Colony of British Columbia entered Confederation in 1871, no land was shown as reserved for Kwakiutl on the 1871 *Return of Indian Reserves* prepared by B.W. Pearse, Chief Commissioner of Land and Works.

~~33.35.~~ In or about 1879, Indian Reserve Commissioner Sproat visited Fort Rupert to allot reserves for the Kwakiutl. In or about 1886, Sproat's successor Peter O'Reilly made additional reserve allotments. Neither Sproat nor O'Reilly allotted the Suquash village site as a reserve to the Kwakiutl.

34.36. In 1912, Canada and British Columbia agreed to establish a joint Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. Canada and British Columbia granted the McKenna-McBride Royal Commission (“Royal Commission”) the power to ~~adjust~~ recommend the adjustment of the acreage of Indian reserves in the Province. Between 1913 and 1916 the Royal Commission conducted hearings in Indian communities throughout the Province with a view to making recommendations to confirm ~~confirming~~ existing reserves, and to add or reduce ~~adding to or reducing~~ reserve lands. In 1914, Kwakiutl submitted a list of 14-village sites to be set aside as reserves, including the Suquash village site, to the Royal Commission. However, the Suquash village site was not recommended to be surveyed and set aside as a reserve for Kwakiutl in the Royal Commission’s final report.

35.37. In 1920, Canada and British Columbia appointed representatives to review and approve or disapprove the recommendations for Indian reserve allotments set out in the final report of the Royal Commission and to collect additional evidence and testimony. Canada appointed W.E. Ditchburn and British Columbia appointed Major Clark. As part of its representations before the Ditchburn-Clark inquiry in September 1922, Kwakiutl requested “a mile squair at Suquash with all the resources on it”. The Ditchburn-Clark inquiry did not recommend that the Suquash village site be surveyed and set aside as a reserve for Kwakiutl.

38. On July 26, 1923, the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council of British Columbia approved and confirmed the Royal Commission report and amendments thereto by way of order-in-council OC 1923/911. On July 19, 1924, the Governor-in-Council did the same by way of order-in-council PC 1924-1265.

39. On 22 March, 1929, Duncan Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and W. E. Ditchburn, Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, on behalf of the Federal Government, and H. Cathcart, Superintendent of Lands, and O. C. Bass, Deputy Attorney General of British Columbia, on behalf of the Province of British Columbia, signed an agreement respecting the interests of Canada, British Columbia and the “Indians of British Columbia” arising out of the transfer to British

Columbia of the lands in the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block and recommending conditions under which the transfer should be made so far as such transfer affected Indian lands (the “Scott-Cathcart Agreement”).

40. Clause 4 of the Scott-Cathcart Agreement states:

It was brought up by the Dominion representatives that a necessity existed for additional lands for Indians in various portions of the Province, not provided for by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and it was suggested that such lands be granted by the Province at a reduced or nominal price, apart from the prices fixed by the Land Act, the Province to have its reversionary interest in such lands, or the proceeds of sale or disposal thereof, as in Indian Reserves proper, on the extinction of the Indian interest. In such event, the Province to re-imburse the Dominion the price paid by it for said lands.

It is, with great respect, considered good policy to have this question of Indian lands finally settled, and that some consideration be given by the Provincial Government to a reduction in price.

41. The Scott-Cathcart Agreement was approved by Canada through order-in-council PC 208/1930 and by British Columbia through the *Indian Affairs Settlement Act*, SBC 1919, c. 32, and order-in-council 1151/1930.

~~36.42.~~ On July 29, 1938, British Columbia ~~confirmed and~~ conveyed reserves in the Province to Canada. The Suquash village site was not set aside as a reserve for Kwakiutl.

37.—Notwithstanding these requests to Canada and British Columbia to have the Suquash village site surveyed and set aside as a reserve and the Scott-Cathcart Agreement, Canada made, and continues to make, no effort to survey and to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl.

Crown Grants

Alienations

43. Since the signing of the Fort Rupert Treaties, British Columbia has granted to third parties licences and interests in land covering, in whole or in part, the Suquash village site, including Crown grants, coal tenure, mineral tenure and forest tenure (together, the “Alienations”).

~~38.~~44. British Columbia provided four Crown ~~two~~ grants that partially covered the Suquash village site, the details of which are as follows:

- (a) On or about February 10, 1888, British Columbia granted to James Carroll Section 16, Rupert District. ~~In~~ On or about February 10, 1888, British Columbia granted to Francis Gilbert Richards Jr. the East Fractional Half of Section 15. ~~In~~ On or about March 7, 1890, British Columbia granted to Alfred Alexander Green Section 2, Township 5, Rupert District (together, the “Properties”);
- (b) In or about 1911, the Properties were conveyed to Pacific Coast Coal Mines Limited; thereby depriving Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit and enjoyment of that asset.
- (c) In or about 1924, West Coast Collieries Limited acquired the Properties, but in 1939 the Properties were forfeited to British Columbia; ~~and~~
- (d) In 1988 West Coast Collieries Limited acquired the Properties in fee simple. West Coast Colliers Limited continues to own the Properties;:-
- (e) On or about December 2, 1892, British Columbia granted to Francis Gilbert Richards Jr. Section 34, Township 3, Rupert District (“Section 34”);
- (f) On or about October 12, 1905, at a sale of land for arrears of taxes, Section 34 became absolutely forfeited to and vested in British Columbia;
- (g) On or about September 9, 1907, British Columbia granted Section 34 to Elizabeth W. Pooley and Charles E. Pooley as tenants in common.

VI. The Basis in Law on which the Crown is said to have failed to meet or otherwise breached a lawful obligation

~~39.~~45. This claim is based on the Imperial Crown’s and Canada’s breaches of the Fort Rupert Treaties, the Imperial Crown’s and Canada’s breaches of its fiduciary duty

owed to Kwakiutl, the Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to rectify those breaches, and the Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to uphold the honour of the Crown.

Assertions of Breach of Treaty

~~40.46.~~ The Fort Rupert Treaties required the Imperial Crown and Canada to survey Kwakiutl's village sites and enclosed fields, including every piece of ground to which Kwakiutl had acquired an equitable title through continuous occupation, tillage, and other investment of its labour.

~~41.47.~~ The Imperial Crown and Canada were required to make good faith and best efforts in performance of this treaty obligation.

~~42.48.~~ The Imperial Crown and Canada failed to survey the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl. The Imperial Crown and Canada thereby breached their obligations to do so under the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~43.49.~~ In the alternative, if the Suquash village site was not reserved by operation of law through the exercise of royal prerogative for Kwakiutl's exclusive use and benefit upon the signing the Fort Rupert Treaties, then the Imperial Crown and Canada failed to survey and to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl, thereby breaching their obligations to do so under the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~44.50.~~ The Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to survey (or, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site deprived Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit, and enjoyment of that asset.

Breach of Fiduciary Duty

~~45.51.~~ The Imperial Crown's and Canada's obligation under the Fort Rupert Treaties to survey the Suquash village site for Kwakiutl is a specific Aboriginal interest over which the Imperial Crown had and Canada has discretionary control, giving rise to a fiduciary duty.

46.52. The Imperial Crown and Canada were under a positive legal obligation pursuant to the Fort Rupert Treaties to survey the Suquash village site for Kwakiutl and, thereby, to protect the Suquash village site, to which Kwakiutl had acquired an equitable title through continuous occupation, tillage, and other investment of its labour, from preemption or Crown grants to third parties.

47.53. The Imperial Crown's and Canada's fiduciary duty was not a general obligation to survey any lands but a specific duty to survey the Suquash village site for Kwakiutl given that Kwakiutl had acquired equitable title to that site through its continuous occupation, tillage, and other investment of its labour.

48.54. The Imperial Crown and Canada as fiduciaries owed Kwakiutl a duty of loyalty and care in discharging this obligation under the Fort Rupert Treaties. This demanded, among other responsibilities, that the Imperial Crown and Canada did not compromise the interests of Kwakiutl in surveying the Suquash village site. Kwakiutl placed itself at the mercy of the Imperial Crown's and Canada's discretion.

49.55. The Imperial Crown and Canada failed to survey the Suquash village site for Kwakiutl. By doing so, the Imperial Crown and Canada breached their fiduciary obligations to Kwakiutl.

50.56. In the alternative, if the Suquash village site was not reserved by operation of law through the exercise of royal prerogative for Kwakiutl's exclusive use and benefit upon the signing the Fort Rupert Treaties, then the Imperial Crown's and Canada's obligations under the Fort Rupert Treaties to survey and to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl are specific Aboriginal interests over which each of the Crown governments had discretionary control, giving rise to fiduciary duties, which were breached by failing to survey and to set aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl.

~~51.57.~~ The Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to survey (or, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site deprived Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit, and enjoyment of that asset.

Unlawful Alienations-Crown Grant

~~52.58.~~ The Properties and Section 34 were granted to third parties pursuant to the *Crown Lands Act*, 47 Vict., c. 16. (1884).

~~53.59.~~ British Columbia made the Alienations ~~granted the Properties~~ to third parties in the knowledge of the Imperial Crown's and Canada's obligations to survey (and, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl in accordance with the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~54.60.~~ Instead of protecting Kwakiutl's interest in the Suquash village site according to the Fort Rupert Treaties from pre-emption and Crown grants to third parties, British Columbia made the Alienations ~~granted the Properties~~ to third parties.

~~55.61.~~ Canada did not challenge the ~~Crown grants of the Properties~~ Alienations by British Columbia under the *Terms of the Union* (by seeking arbitration from the Secretary of State per Article 13) nor did Canada challenge the province's lack of constitutional jurisdiction to make the Alienations ~~over the Properties that were subject to an Indian interest~~.

~~56.62.~~ Those ~~Crown grants~~ Alienations by British Columbia were unlawful because they were breaches of the Fort Rupert Treaties and breaches of Canada's fiduciary duties to Kwakiutl, and thereby deprived Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit, and enjoyment of that asset.

Failure to Rectify

~~57.63.~~ The Imperial Crown and Canada knew or ought to have known that the colonial government made no attempts to survey (and, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl in accordance with the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~58.~~64. Canada knew, through the Royal Commission process and the Ditchburn-Clark inquiry, that Kwakiutl made repeated requests for the Suquash village site to be surveyed and set aside as a reserve in accordance with the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~59.~~65. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Canada made no attempt to rectify this problem by surveying and setting aside the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl when Canada had the opportunity to do so, through the Royal Commission process, ~~and~~ the Ditchburn-Clark inquiry and the Scott-Cathcart Agreement. As a result, Canada further breached the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~60.~~66. The failure of Canada to rectify the breach when it had the opportunity to do so, through the Royal Commission process and the Ditchburn-Clark inquiry, was a further breach of Canada's fiduciary obligation to Kwakiutl.

Honour of the Crown

~~61.~~67. The obligations to survey (and, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl were solemn promises made by the Imperial Crown and Canada under the terms of the Fort Rupert Treaties.

~~62.~~68. The Honour of the Crown required that the Imperial Crown and Canada take a broad, purposive approach to the interpretation of their promises to survey (and, in the alternative to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl and act with diligence in pursuit of their obligations.

~~63.~~69. The Imperial Crown's and Canada's conduct showed a persistent pattern of errors, indifference, and negligence that frustrated the purpose of the Fort Rupert Treaties to survey (and, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl, thereby breaching the Honour of the Crown.

~~64.~~70. The Imperial Crown's and Canada's breaches of the Honour of the Crown deprived Kwakiutl of a valuable asset and the use, benefit, and enjoyment of that asset.

Relief Sought

~~65~~.71. The Suquash village site was a known asset of Kwakiutl at all material times prior to the signing of the Fort Rupert Treaties in 1851. After the treaties were made, the Imperial Crown and Canada had discretionary control over the surveying (or, in the alternative, the setting aside) of the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl pursuant to the treaties and failed to do so. The Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to survey (or, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve deprived Kwakiutl of that asset, and the opportunity to use, enjoy, or benefit in any way from those lands, including but not limited to the commercial trade of coal, after the treaties were made.

~~66~~.72. The Imperial Crown and Canada have been unjustly enriched by their failure to perform the land entitlement provisions of the Fort Rupert Treaties. The Imperial Crown, Canada and British Columbia obtained an incontrovertible benefit from the Fort Rupert Treaties and, as a result of that incontrovertible benefit, British Columbia has been able to sell and lease the Properties, Section 34 and other lands, and to collect royalties from third parties, thereby profiting from the unlawful alienation of the Suquash village site.

~~67~~.73. Given Kwakiutl's lost opportunity to enjoy, benefit, and use the Suquash village site due to the Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to survey (or, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve, Kwakiutl is entitled to be put in the position it would have been in but for the Imperial Crown's and Canada's breaches of treaty, trust, fiduciary, and equitable duties.

~~68~~.74. Kwakiutl seeks compensation for the Imperial Crown's and Canada's failure to survey (and, in the alternative, to set aside) the Suquash village site as a reserve for Kwakiutl, including compensation for:

- (a) breach of treaty, trust, fiduciary, and equitable duties;
- (b) interest;
- (c) costs; and

- (d) other such damages or compensation as this honourable Tribunal deems just.

DATED this 9 day of August 2017.

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APPENDIX "A"

