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**A Letter of Intent
Between the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)
and
The Mining Association of Canada (MAC)**

In recognition of the shared commitment of the AFN and MAC to sustainable mining development that contributes to the economic, social and environmental well-being of First Nation communities, these organizations have committed to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on a new partnership.

In developing the MOU, the organizations may wish to consider defining cooperative activity in the following areas that would be beneficial to both parties:

- Jointly advocating to the federal government for a clear, effective and appropriate Federal Consultation Policy, efficient resolution of First Nation land claims and First Nation resource revenue sharing agreements as essential requirements to enable a secure business environment for First Nations and the private sector.
- Collaboration on public policy issues of mutual interest including, for example, social and economic development, support for human resource development, geoscience mapping, environmental policy and land use planning.
- Support for the finalization and implementation of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Framework on Mining and Aboriginal Peoples with First Nation communities.
- Establishment of opportunities for dialogue between the mining sector and First Nation communities affected by mining with the goal of enhancing mutual understanding, respect and determining effective ways to resolve disagreements outside of litigation.
- Raising awareness of the AFN's Corporate Challenge Initiative within the mining sector.
- Support for the work of the Mining Industry Human Resources Sector Council to enhance the participation of First Nations peoples' in mining activity.
- Enhancing the opportunities for partnership between the First Nation human resources development delivery structure and MAC member companies on human resource issues.
- Undertake to identify specific joint initiatives to be implemented within two years of the MOU's acceptance.

By signing this letter, both parties agree to enter into a dialogue for the development of an Memorandum of Understanding.

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