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Good day,

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is currently developing an online system that would allow the selection and recording of mineral claims in Nunavut from a map. The system known as "Map Selection System" is intended to change the way mineral claims are acquired from ground staking to selecting pre-defined grid units represented on a map. Doing away with ground staking will eliminate the need to access lands for the purpose of acquiring a mineral claim.

Amendments to the *Nunavut Mining Regulations* will be necessary to implement map selection. Before these are officially published in the *Canada Gazette* for public consultation purposes, we would like to invite you to comment on the proposed changes. To help you in that task, a summary table of those changes is included with this letter. An electronic version of this table is also available at

www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1453396069907

The proposed amendments are planned to be published for public consultation purposes in the *Canada Gazette* this spring or fall. We would therefore appreciate receiving your comments at the following address:

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I encourage you to review the actual proposed amendments to the *Nunavut Mining Regulations* when they are pre-published in the *Canada Gazette*. I also encourage you to share the proposed amendments with other members of Nunavut's Institutes of Public Government Forum, and I am available to discuss this matter further with you and other members. You can reach me at david.rochette@canada.ca or 867-975-4501. We thank you in advance for your participation in this important project.

Sincerely,

David Rochette
Regional Director General, Nunavut Region
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Attachments:

Annex A: Summary of Proposed Amendments to Nunavut Mining Regulations

