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AND:

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RECITALS

WHEREAS:

- A. Canada and the Band are parties to Treaty Number Six made and concluded at Forts Carlton and Pit in 1876;
- B. Treaty Number Six provides, *inter alia*, that:

“And Her Majesty, the Queen hereby agrees and undertakes to lay aside reserves for farming lands, due respect had to lands at present cultivated by the said Indians, and other reserves for the benefit of the said Indians, to be administered and dealt with for them by Her Majesty’s Government of the Dominion of Canada, provided all such reserves shall not exceed in all one square mile for each family of five, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families. ...”;
- C. The Band has not received reserves of sufficient area to fulfill the requirements of Treaty Number Six;
- D. Existing treaty rights are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 being Schedule B of the *Canada Act*, 1982 (U.K.), 1982, c.11;

- E. Canada has an unfulfilled land obligation to the Band under Treaty Number Six and is desirous of ensuring that such land obligation be fulfilled;
- F. By the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*, executed on the 20th day of March, 1930, Canada transferred to Saskatchewan all Crown lands, mines and minerals, and other natural resources within the Province of Saskatchewan, subject to certain exclusions, terms and conditions;
- G. Paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*, inter alia, provides as follows:
- "... the Province will, from time to time, upon the request of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, set aside, out of the unoccupied Crown lands hereby transferred to its administration, such further areas as the said Superintendent General may, in agreement with the appropriate Minister of the Province, select as necessary to enable Canada to fulfill its obligations under the treaties with the Indians of the Province, and such areas shall thereafter be administered by Canada in the same way in all respects as if they never passed to the Province under the provisions hereof;"
- H. The *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* was confirmed by section 1 of the *Constitution Act, 1930* which provides as follows:
- "The agreements set out in the Schedule to this Act are hereby confirmed and shall have the force of law notwithstanding anything in the *Constitution Act, 1867*, or any Act amending the same, or any Act of the Parliament of Canada, or in any Order in Council or terms or conditions of union made or approved under any such Act as aforesaid.";
- I. Saskatchewan has an obligation to provide unoccupied Crown lands to Canada under the terms of paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*;
- J. Canada and the Band have agreed that, *inter alia*, Canada's outstanding Treaty land entitlement obligation in respect of the Band shall be fulfilled in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement;
- K. Canada and Saskatchewan have agreed that in consideration of the financial and other contributions to be made by Saskatchewan pursuant to this Agreement Saskatchewan's obligation to provide unoccupied Crown land and minerals to Canada under paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in relation to the Band shall also be fulfilled;

- L. By ratification vote held on the *25th* day of *January*, 2007 the voters of the Band have assented to and ratified the terms of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement and authorized and directed the Chief and Councillors of the Band to sign these and other related documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.01 DEFINITIONS:

In this Agreement and the Appendix and Schedules attached hereto, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings hereafter ascribed to them, namely:

1. **"Acquisition Costs"** means the costs incurred in relation to the Purchase of Land, Minerals or Improvements by or on behalf of the Band (other than the Price paid to the vendor in respect thereof), and includes, without limitation, legal fees, applicable taxes and tax adjustments, land titles registration and search costs, appraisal costs, surveyor certificate costs and real estate commissions and all reasonable costs associated directly with and incurred by the Band or the Trustees in relation to site identification and approval, and also includes, without duplication, the cost of satisfying the obligations set forth in section 8.02 and the cost of discharging other Third Party Interests in relation to Entitlement Land;
2. **"Act", "Chief", "Council of a Band", "Indian", "Member of a Band", "Minister", and "Reserve"** and any other words herein which are used or defined in the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, shall have the same meaning as they have in the *Indian Act* R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, and the regulations made thereunder, and a reference to the *Indian Act* means the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, as amended or replaced from time to time, and any reference to a section of the *Indian Act* shall include that section as amended or replaced from time to time;
3. **"Additions to Reserves Policy"** means, unless a contrary indication is evidenced, Canada's "Additions to Reserves Policy" in effect as at the Execution Date;
4. **"Adjusted Date of First Survey Population"** means the population of the Band on the Date of First Survey as negotiated and finally agreed upon as between Canada and the Band for the purposes of settlement of the Band's Treaty land entitlement;
5. **"Agreement", "this Agreement", "hereto", "hereof", "herein", "hereunder", "hereby"** and similar expressions, refer, unless otherwise stated, to this agreement, including the recitals, the Schedules and the Appendix attached hereto, and not to any particular article, section, subsection, subparagraph or other subdivision hereof or thereof;
6. **"Agreement to Purchase"** means a written agreement containing covenants granting a purchaser the right and obligation to purchase Land, Minerals or Improvements and, for greater certainty, may include a written agreement granting an option to purchase the same;

7. **"Amended Cost Sharing Agreement"** means the agreement so titled entered into between Canada and Saskatchewan dated the 22nd day of September, 1992 concerning, inter alia, their respective obligations for payment of the costs associated with the resolution of outstanding Treaty land entitlement of certain Bands located in Saskatchewan;
8. **"Approval in Principle"** has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation attached hereto as Schedule 6;
9. **"Arbitration Board"** has the meaning ascribed thereto in Article 19;
10. **"Band Council Resolution"** means a duly executed written resolution of the Council;
11. **"Band Development"** means the investment and utilization of Trust Property for and on behalf of the Band for the purpose of Business, acquisition of Land, Minerals or Improvements (including Entitlement Land), or any project for the use, development, advantage or benefit of the Band or Members of the Band which is undertaken in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement;
12. **"Business"** means any activity or undertaking the primary objective of which is to provide goods, services and/or programs to the Band or Members of the Band, or any activity or undertaking for profit;"
13. **"Claim"** means any submission to the Minister made on behalf of the Band requesting fulfillment of outstanding Treaty land entitlement of the Band, or its predecessors, and includes all written representations made in respect thereof;
14. **"Current Population"** means the population of the Band on January 26, 2005 as such number has been negotiated and finally agreed upon by Canada and the Band as being 2,261;
15. **"Date of First Survey"** means September 20, 1878;
16. **"Department"** means the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and includes its Saskatchewan regional office;
17. **"Department of Justice"** means the Federal Department of Justice;
18. **"Discernible Surface Outlet"** means a defined and ascertainable channel through which water normally flows for not less than seven (7) consecutive days each year;
19. **"Entitlement Band"** means any Band whose Chief is a signatory to the Framework Agreement or which subsequently adhered to the Framework Agreement in accordance therewith;
20. **"Entitlement Land"** means Land, Minerals or Improvements in Saskatchewan hereafter Purchased by the Band and which are intended to be set apart as Entitlement Reserve pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement;

21. **"Entitlement Monies"** means the monies (together with any accrued interest thereon) due to the Band and paid or to be paid to the Trust Account pursuant to section 3.01 and 3.02, which monies are to be used by the Band for the purposes set out in section 4.01 of this Agreement;
22. **"Entitlement Purposes"**, when used in relation to the acreage of Reserve land which has, prior to the Execution Date, been set apart by Canada for the Band to fulfill Treaty land entitlement obligations, means all Reserve land set apart for such purposes, but excludes land set apart for the purpose of replacing Reserve land that had been surrendered by the Band;
23. **"Entitlement Reserve"** means Entitlement Land which is set apart by Canada as a Reserve for the use and benefit of the Band in accordance with this Agreement;
24. **"Environmental Review"** and **"Environmental Screening"** have the meanings ascribed thereto in Schedule 6;
25. **"Equity Payment"** means the payment to be made to the Band, calculated in the same manner as provided for in subsection 3.01(a) of the Framework Agreement, which Canada and the Band have agreed is \$10, 217, 832.70;
26. **"Equity Quantum"** means that area of Land, expressed in acres, referred to in section 2.02, and which Canada and the Band have agreed is 38, 971.10 acres;
27. **"Execution Date"** means the later of the dates upon which Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band have executed this Agreement;
28. **"Fee Simple Mineral Owner"** means any Person who is the legal owner of the estate in fee simple, or a share or interest of the estate in fee simple, of any Minerals, and further includes Canada or Saskatchewan, where applicable;
29. **"Fiscal Year"** means such period of not more than twelve months as may be established by the Trustees from time to time.
30. **"Forest Management Licence Agreement"** means an agreement whereby Saskatchewan has granted any Person the exclusive right to harvest timber upon certain provincial Crown Lands;
31. **"Framework Agreement"** means the agreement among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Entitlement Bands dated 22nd of September 1992, dealing with fulfillment of Treaty land entitlement claims;
32. **"FNMR"** means the Saskatchewan Department of First Nations and Métis Relations and its successors from time to time;
33. **"Improvements"** means all buildings or structures erected or placed on, over or under Land and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, includes, without limitation,

anything affixed to or incorporated therein, the plant and equipment of any oil or gas well or mine, any pipeline on or under Land, fencing, and any dugouts or other alterations to Land designed to facilitate the collection and retention of water;

34. **"Institution"** means any bank or trust company that is a member Institution for which the Canada Depository Insurance Corporation has a duty to insure deposits pursuant to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-3 and which is also regulated by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, and also includes any Credit Union operating in the Province of Saskatchewan whose deposits are insured by the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation;
35. **"Interest Rate"** means the effective rate, from time to time, of interest paid by Canada at the immediately preceding bi-weekly auction for three month Canada treasury bills or, alternatively, in the event the basis for such rate is not ascertainable because Canada has not sold such treasury bills, such other reasonable substitute basis rate as may be agreed to among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band;
36. **"Interest of a Mineral Disposition Holder"** means the legal interest of any Person in a Mineral Disposition and includes such an interest in all renewals, conversions, substitutions and replacements of the Mineral Disposition and any new Mineral Dispositions to which the Mineral Disposition Holder is entitled either by the terms of the Mineral Disposition, provincial or federal legislation, or the policy of Saskatchewan;
37. **"Investment Instruments"** means, collectively those certificates, instruments, documents or other written material which evidence investments made by the Trustees as may be made in accordance with the Trust Agreement;
38. **"Joint Production Agreement"** means any contract, agreement, covenant or arrangement, whether voluntarily entered into or imposed by legislation, under the terms of which a Fee Simple Mineral Owner or a Mineral Disposition Holder agrees to, or is required to share in, the benefits, costs, or obligations associated with the recovery of Minerals from within, upon or under any Lands, and includes all pooling and unitization agreements and orders, provided that any of the foregoing are in force immediately prior to the Purchase of Entitlement Land or, thereafter, at any time prior to the transfer of Entitlement Land to Canada;
39. **"Land" or "Lands"** means real property, chattels real, or any interest therein or in the nature thereof and, unless the context otherwise requires, excludes Minerals and Improvements;
40. **"Member"** means a member of the Band within the meaning of the Act and shall include all registered Indians recorded on the Department's Indian register in respect of the Band.
41. **"Mineral Disposition"** means any rights granted by the Fee Simple Mineral Owner under a lease or any other instrument pursuant to which any Person has obtained the right to explore for, drill for, produce or otherwise extract any Mineral, and includes any right to a share or interest in the proceeds of the production of any Minerals, whether those

rights have been granted by the Fee Simple Mineral Owner or not, and any right to compensation pursuant to sections 23 and 23.1 of *The Crown Minerals Act*, S.S. 1984-85-86, c. C-50.2, provided that any of such rights were in force immediately prior to the Purchase of Land or, thereafter, at any time prior to the transfer of Entitlement Land to Canada, but shall be deemed to exclude Third Party Interests and any security interest, mortgage or similar financing arrangements and to also exclude those beneficial interests in Minerals referred to in subsection 5.04(c)(iii) of this Agreement;

42. **"Mineral Disposition Holder"** means any Person who has an interest in a Mineral Disposition and includes the heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, agents, successors and assigns thereof;
43. **"Minerals"** means any non-viable substance formed by the processes of nature, irrespective of chemical or physical state, and includes such substances both before and after extraction, or any interest in the same, and further includes any interest or improvement in the nature of a mine but does not include any surface or ground water, agricultural soil, sand or gravel;
44. **"Mineral Payment"** means the payment to be made to the Band, calculated in the same manner as provided for in subsection 3.02(a) of the Framework Agreement, which Canada and the Band have agreed is \$154,350.00;
45. **"Municipal Taxes"** means all applicable taxes levied by a Rural Municipality for municipal purposes (which, for greater certainty and without limitation, excludes School Taxes and any taxes collected by a Rural Municipality not for the use and benefit of the Rural Municipality) in respect of land, improvements and businesses within the Rural Municipality, and includes grants-in-lieu of taxes paid to Rural Municipalities pursuant to federal or provincial government policy, or taxes for municipal purposes levied by a Rural Municipality upon occupants of such Lands in respect of such occupation;
46. **"Natural Resources Transfer Agreement"** means the Saskatchewan *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*, as confirmed by *The Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act*, S.S. 1929-30, c. 87, the *Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act*, S.C. 1930, c. 41 and the *Constitution Act, 1930*;
47. **"Northern Administration District"** means that area of the Province of Saskatchewan identified as the "Northern Saskatchewan Administration District" pursuant to the *Northern Saskatchewan Administration District Boundaries Regulations*, R.R.S., c. N-5.1, Reg. 1, as such area is constituted on the Execution Date;
48. **"Northern Municipality"** means a "northern municipality" as defined by *The Northern Municipalities Act*, S.S. 1983, c. N-51, but excludes the district as defined in such statute;
49. **"Occupant of Crown Land"** means any Person who has a statutory or legally enforceable right to occupy or use a particular parcel of Crown Land vested in Saskatchewan or Canada, to the exclusion of members of the public, and is deemed to include any Person with a valid and subsisting lease, licence, or a permit granted by

- Saskatchewan or Canada or with a permanent allocation in a pasture but, for greater certainty, does not include a Fee Simple Mineral Owner or a Mineral Disposition Holder;
50. **"Person"** means any individual, proprietor, corporation, partnership, trust, joint venture, unincorporated organization, Indian band, union or a governmental body (other than Canada and Saskatchewan) and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns;
 51. **"Price"** means the projected cost of acquiring Entitlement Land and shall include, without limitation, the purchase price thereof after all applicable adjustments (including, without limitation, tax adjustments, insurance, rents and other income and outgoings);
 52. **"Productive Forest Land"** means any Land on which trees are growing or standing, or may be grown, in such quantity and quality as may be commercially harvested on an economical basis and, for greater certainty, does not include any Land which is treed muskeg, treed rock, clear muskeg, clear rock, brushland, meadow, clearing, sand, non-productive burnover, flooded, experimental area, permanent sample plot, Forestry Canada plot, recreational reserve or covered by water, and does not include any Land within the "reconnaissance forest zone";
 53. **"Provincial Highway"** means a "provincial highway" as defined by *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*, S.S. 1997, c. H-3.0 as illustrated on the official highway map for the Province of Saskatchewan by distinctive lines and listed in the road classification thereof as either a "divided", "paved" or "gravel" provincial highway;
 54. **"Provincial Mineral Revenues"** means all royalties, taxes and rents in respect of a given Mineral (from the sources relating to such Minerals indicated in Schedule 1) and any royalties, taxes and rents that may be imposed in substitution therefore;
 55. **"Provincial Road"** means any road, street, lane, alley, trail or path, other than a divided or paved Provincial Highway, the title to which is vested in Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Saskatchewan or set aside for such purposes under *The North-West Territories Act*, R.S.C. 1886, c.50, or any statute of the Province of Saskatchewan and includes a bridge, culvert, drain or public improvement erected upon or in connection with the same and which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles;
 56. **"Public Purposes"** means the utilization or conservation of Minerals for the benefit of the general public of the Province of Saskatchewan, or a substantial portion thereof, as distinguished from purposes which concern particular individuals or estates in Land or Minerals but, for greater certainty, does not include the purpose of earning current, or protecting future, royalties, taxes or other revenues on behalf of Saskatchewan;
 57. **"Public Purposes Plan"** means a written plan, document or any other material evidencing an intention respecting the planned utilization or conservation by Saskatchewan of Minerals for Public Purposes;

58. **"Public Utility Companies"** means, collectively, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, Saskatchewan Telecommunications, SaskEnergy Incorporated and TransGas Limited, and their successors and assigns and "Public Utility Company" means any one of such companies;
59. **"Public Utility Easement"** means a registered easement or right of way, or an unregistered statutory easement or right of way, held by one or more of the Public Utility Companies, in respect of a transmission line, distribution line or similar facility which affects Entitlement Land;
60. **"Purchase"** or **"Purchased"** means a purchase of Land, Minerals or Improvements by the Trustees, an agent of the Band, or by a holding corporation established by the Trustees for the purposes of holding title to land, acquired in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Agreement and this Agreement, and may include the acquisition of ownership rights by means other than a transaction of purchase and sale;
61. **"Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures"** means those guidelines and procedures for conducting ratification votes as set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement;
62. **"Replacement Mineral Disposition"** means a permit, lease, licence or other disposition issued, made or granted under the *Indian Oil and Gas Regulations*, the *Indian Mining Regulations* or other applicable federal legislation, in replacement of, or in substitution for, a Mineral Disposition;
63. **"Replacement Public Utility Easement"** means those easement and permit agreements which are intended by the parties to be similar to the form and substance of the replacement public utility easements and permits agreed to pursuant to the Framework Agreement, and which are to be in the same or substantially the same form as those agreements which are, collectively, annexed hereto as Appendix 1, which easement and permit agreements are to be registered in replacement of existing Public Utility Easements as contemplated in section 8.03;
64. **"Road Allowance"** means land held by Saskatchewan which was at any time intended for use by the general public for the passage of vehicles, whether actually used for that purpose or not;
65. **"Rural Municipal Compensation Fund"** means the fund so titled established pursuant to the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement and administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities for the purpose of receiving compensation payments from Canada and Saskatchewan and for disbursing such compensation to a Rural Municipality which experiences a reduction in Taxable Land as a result of Entitlement Land being set apart as an Entitlement Reserve;
66. **"Rural Municipality"** means a "Rural Municipality" as defined in *The Municipalities Act*, S.S. 2005, c. M-36.1;

67. **"School Division"** means, except where otherwise expressly provided herein, a "division" as defined by *The Education Act, 1995*, S.S. 1995, c. E-0.2, which is located outside of the Northern Administration District;
68. **"School Division Compensation Fund"** means the fund established pursuant to the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement and administered by Saskatchewan for the purpose of receiving compensation payments from Canada and Saskatchewan and for disbursing compensation to School Divisions which have experienced a reduction in Taxable Land as a result of Entitlement Land being hereafter set apart as an Entitlement Reserve;
69. **"School Taxes"** means all applicable taxes levied by a School Division for education purposes (which, for greater certainty and without limitation, excludes Municipal Taxes or any taxes collected by a School Division not for the use and benefit of the School Division) in respect of land, improvements and businesses, and includes grants-in-lieu of taxes paid pursuant to federal or provincial government policy or taxes for educational purposes levied by a School Division upon the occupants of such Land in respect of such occupation;
70. **"Settlement Board"** means the settlement board established under Article 18 of the Framework Agreement;
71. **"Shore Land"** means all Crown Lands within fifty (50) meters of the ordinary high water mark of:
 - (a) a lake with a surface area of more than one thousand (1,000) acres; or
 - (b) a river identified on the list of rivers published in the *Canada Gazette* by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names with a width, at any point adjacent to the Crown Land in question, of twenty (20) meters or more;
72. **"Shortfall Acres"** means that area of Land, expressed in acres (including all existing Minerals in respect thereof) to be hereafter Purchased and set apart as an Entitlement Reserve or Entitlement Reserves, the exact acreage of which is referred to in section 2.06 (which Land is, for greater certainty, in addition to the Band's existing Reserve land), and which the parties agree is 3,430 acres;
73. **"Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date"** means the date upon which Entitlement Land (including all existing Minerals in respect thereof), in an aggregate area at least equal to the Shortfall Acres, has hereafter been transferred to Canada in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and set apart as an Entitlement Reserve or Entitlement Reserves;
74. **"Special Purpose Account"** means the interest bearing account established by Canada pursuant to the *Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Act*, S.C. 1993, c. 11, which shall be utilized for the purpose of administering all monies which are to be deposited by each of Canada and Saskatchewan to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund pursuant to Article 3, which account permits both Canada and Saskatchewan to deposit

funds on an interest bearing basis at a rate of interest from time to time applicable to interest bearing deposits in the consolidated revenue fund;

75. **"Superintendent of Financial Institutions"** means the Superintendent of Institutions as defined in the *Office of Superintendent of Financial Institutions Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c.18 (3rd Supp.) as amended from time to time.
76. **"Surface Lease"** means any grant, conveyance, lease, license, order, or permit which provides the right of entry upon the surface of any Land, or the right to use, occupy or take the surface of any Land or any interest therein, required for the purpose of exploring for, drilling for, producing, recovering or otherwise extracting any Mineral, and includes a Mineral Disposition to the extent such rights are included in the Mineral Disposition, provided the same is in force immediately prior to the Purchase of Land or, thereafter, at any time prior to the transfer of Entitlement Land to Canada;
77. **"Taxable Land"** means land located within a Rural Municipality in respect of which Municipal Taxes and School Taxes are payable to such Rural Municipality and a School Division;
78. **"Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation"** means those terms and conditions applicable to the creation of Entitlement Reserves, a copy of which is attached as Schedule 6;
79. **"Third Party Interest"** means the legal interest of any Person, other than a party hereto, in Land, Minerals or Improvements and, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes the interest held by an Occupant of Crown Land, leases, mortgages, charges, encumbrances, registered builders' liens, writs of execution, easements (including Public Utility Easements), rights of way, restrictive covenants, party wall agreements, building restriction caveats and other caveats, provided the same are in force immediately prior to the Purchase of the Land, Minerals or Improvements or, thereafter, at any time prior to the transfer of the same to Canada, but shall, for greater certainty, exclude an interest in a Mineral Disposition;
80. **"Third Party Interest Holder"** means a Person holding a Third Party Interest (including an Occupant of Crown Land) but excludes Canada, Saskatchewan or any Person acting for or on behalf of the Band which has Purchased the Entitlement Land;
81. **"Treaty"** means Treaty Number Six made and concluded near Forts Carlton and Pitt in 1876;
82. **"Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund"** means the interest bearing account to be administered by Canada for the purpose of accepting, depositing and crediting interest to the payments to be made by Saskatchewan and Canada to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund pursuant to Article 3;
83. **"Trust"** means the trust created pursuant to the Trust Agreement;

84. **"Trust Account"** means an account established by the Trustees at an Institution pursuant to the Trust Agreement, to which account Canada is to deposit the Entitlement Monies pursuant to section 3.01 and 3.02 of this Agreement;
85. **"Trust Agreement"** means the trust agreement referred to in section 3.03 of this Agreement entered into by the Band, the Trustees and the Institution, and duly ratified pursuant to article 10 of this Agreement;
86. **"Trust Property"** means the Entitlement Monies deposited by Canada to the Trust Account, and includes all monies now or hereafter on deposit in the Trust Account or any other additional account established pursuant to the Trust Agreement (which for greater certainty includes any and all Investment Instruments in which the monies in the Trust Account or any other additional account established pursuant to the Trust Agreement may from time to time be invested by the Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement), as well as any additions or accruals thereto and also includes, without limitation, all interest revenue and other income realized thereon, all sums which may be repaid to the Trust pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or the Trust Agreement, and any other monies, revenues, investments, or assets which may be designated as Trust Property in accordance with the Trust Agreement;
87. **"Trustees"** means, collectively, those Persons appointed to act as a trustee on behalf of the Band pursuant to the Trust Agreement, and any Persons from time to time thereafter appointed or substituted therefore, and "Trustee" means any one of such Trustees and where only one Person is appointed to act as a trustee, "Trustees" will mean that Person;
88. **"Undeveloped Road Allowance"** means a Road Allowance upon which no highway, road, street, lane, trail, path or alley has ever been constructed or, if constructed, is no longer being maintained in a condition for use by, or is being used by, the general public for that purpose;
89. **"Undisposed Minerals"** means, subject to subsections 5.04 (b) and (c), any Minerals in respect of which there are no Mineral Dispositions;
90. **"Urban Municipality"** means a "town", "village", or "resort village", as defined in *The Municipalities Act*, S.S. 2005, c. M-36.1 and a "city" as defined in *The Cities Act*, S.S. 2002, c. C-11.1;
91. **"Waterbody"** means any river, stream, lake, pond, swamp, marsh, or other body of water; and
92. **"Water Project"** means:
 - (a) any drain, dyke, dam or other work that is proposed to divert or impound water, or any alteration, addition to, or elimination of, any such drain, dyke, dam or other work;

(b) any act which results in the emission of water or other substance into a Waterbody; or

(c) any use of water;

that affects, or if constructed or carried out could reasonably be anticipated to affect, the existing quantity, quality or rate of flow, in a discernible way, of water in a Waterbody and which, if constructed or carried out on lands subject to the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, would require a licence or other approval under the laws of Saskatchewan.

1.02 SCHEDULES:

The following are the Schedules annexed to and incorporated in this Agreement by reference to their respective numbers as given below and which are deemed to be part hereof:

1. Provincial Mineral Revenue Sources
2. Agreement concerning Amendment to the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*
3. Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures
4. Certificate of Independent Legal Advice
5. Certificate of Independent Financial Advice
6. Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation

1.03 APPENDIX:

The following is the list of Replacement Public Utility Easements which, collectively, constitute Appendix 1 to this Agreement:

- (a) Permit for Natural Gas Low Pressure Distribution Line;
- (b) Easement for Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline;
- (c) Permit for Electrical Distribution Line;
- (d) Easement Agreement for Electrical Transmission Line Right of Way;
- (e) Telecommunication Distribution System Permit; and
- (f) Telecommunication Transmission System Easement.

**ARTICLE 2
LAND QUANTUM**

2.01 ADJUSTED DATE OF FIRST SURVEY POPULATION:

Canada and the Band agree that the Adjusted Date of First Survey Population of the Band is 199 persons.

2.02 EQUITY QUANTUM:

Canada and the Band agree that the Band's Equity Quantum is 38,971.10 acres.

2.03 PRE - 1956 RESERVES:

Canada and the Band agree that the amount of Reserve Land set apart for Entitlement Purposes on or before December, 1955 is 22,042 acres.

2.04 POST - 1955 RESERVES:

Canada and the Band agree that 0 acres of Reserve Land were set apart for Entitlement Purposes from and after January 1, 1956 to and including Execution Date.

2.05 CURRENT POPULATION:

Canada and the Band agree that the Current Population of the Band is 2,261 persons.

2.06 SHORTFALL ACRES:

Canada and the Band agree that the number of Shortfall Acres in respect of the Band is 3,430 acres.

ARTICLE 3
ENTITLEMENT MONIES

3.01 ENTITLEMENT MONIES:

- (a) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that the total Entitlement Monies, including the Equity Payment and Mineral Payment of the Band, is \$10,372,182.70.
- (b) The parties acknowledge and agree that \$7,260,527.89 of the Entitlement Monies referred to in subsection 3.01(a) shall, subject to the terms hereof (including, without limitation, subsections 3.01(d) and (e) and section 10.01) be paid by Canada to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund and shall thereafter be deposited by Canada into the Trust Account as follows:
 - (i) \$2,420,175.97 (representing the first two (2) of a total of six (6) equal payments) within thirty (30) days of the Execution Date; and
 - (ii) \$1,210,087.98 on or before June 30th in each of the succeeding four (4) years.
 - (iii) Canada may, in Canada's sole discretion, pay or deposit Entitlement Monies into the Trust Account any or all Entitlement Monies not yet paid or deposited to the Trust Account at any time or times prior to those set out in subsections 3.01(b)(i) and 3.01(b)(ii), and Canada will provide thirty (30) days written notice prior to making any such early payment or deposit.
- (c) The parties acknowledge and agree that the remaining balance of the Entitlement Monies referred to in subsection 3.01(a) (being the sum of \$3,111,654.81) shall be paid to Canada by Saskatchewan to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund in accordance with section 3.06 and, subject to receipt thereof by Canada, shall thereafter be deposited by Canada into the Trust Account as follows:
 - (i) \$518,609.01 within forty-five (45) days of the Execution Date; and
 - (ii) \$518,609.16 on or before July 15 in each of the succeeding five (5) years.
- (d) Canada shall not be obligated to deposit any Entitlement Monies pursuant to section 3.01 and section 3.02 of this Agreement unless the Band, the Trustees and an Institution have established the Trust, executed the Trust Agreement and opened the Trust Account; and

- (e) Canada shall not be obligated to deposit any Entitlement Monies pursuant to section 3.01 and section 3.02 of this Agreement unless the Band provides Canada with a Band Council Resolution, which directs Canada to pay Entitlement Monies to the Trust Account, and which provides sufficient information for Canada to confirm the existence of the Trust Account and deposit Entitlement Monies to the Trust Account.

3.02 DEPOSIT OF ENTITLEMENT MONIES TO BAND TRUST ACCOUNT:

Except as may be permitted pursuant to section 4.12, Canada and Saskatchewan and the Band agree that all Entitlement Monies to be paid to the Band pursuant to this Agreement are being paid by Canada from the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund, at the direction of the Band, to the Trust Account, and such Entitlement Monies shall thereafter be administered by the Trustees upon the trusts set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement.

3.03 TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT TRUST:

The Band represents and warrants that:

- (a) the Entitlement Monies to be paid by Canada and Saskatchewan pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are intended to be a long term asset of the Band, to be properly invested for the long term use and benefit of the Band and its Members, and are to be used for the purchase of Entitlement Land, and for such other purposes as may be consistent with the provisions, principles, warranties, representations and undertakings set forth in this Agreement and, in particular, sections 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 5.01, 8.02, 21.04, Article 3, and Article 11 hereof;
- (b) the Band will take such actions as it deems necessary or advisable, with the benefit of appropriate legal and financial advice, to give effect to this Agreement and, in particular, the intent set out in subsection 3.03(a);
- (c) a Trust shall at all times be established in respect of Entitlement Monies with an Institution and shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement;
- (d) the Trust and the Trust Agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and shall be structured in a manner which shall give effect to the provisions, principles, warranties, representations and undertakings set forth in this Agreement and, in particular, sections 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 5.01, 8.02, 21.04, Article 3, and Article 11 hereof and shall, without limiting the foregoing, ensure that any holding corporation or agents of the Band which may be involved in the Purchase of Entitlement Land are likewise required to act in a manner consistent with this Agreement, and, also, to ensure that any amendment of the Trust or Trust Agreement, or the subsequent creation of a new or substitute Trust or Trust

Agreement, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement, including this provision; and

- (e) Canada has not reviewed or advised the Band with respect to the structure, terms, or operation of the Trust Agreement, or any other matter related thereto, and the Band is not relying upon any advice other than the advice of its own legal and financial advisors in this regard.

3.04 STATUS OF MONIES:

- (a) In accordance with section 5 of the *Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Act*, S.C. 1993, c.11, Canada and the Band agree that none of the monies payable by Canada pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are, or shall be deemed to be, "Indian Monies" within the meaning of the Act; and
- (b) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that:
 - (i) no property, interest or right in respect of any funds on deposit in the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund shall vest, or be deemed to vest, in the Band, its Trustees or in any other party until the same are due and payable to the Band for deposit in its Trust Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
 - (ii) except as may otherwise be agreed to in writing between the Band and Canada pursuant to section 4.12, the Band shall not be entitled to pledge, hypothecate, encumber or otherwise deal with any funds on deposit in, or to be at any time thereafter deposited to, the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund.

3.05 PAYMENT OF ENTITLEMENT MONIES:

- (a) Subject to subsections 3.01(d) and (e) and section 10.01, Canada agrees to deposit into the Trust Account, for and on behalf of the Band, Canada's portion of the Entitlement Monies within the time frame set forth in subsection 3.01(b) together with all Entitlement Monies received by Canada from Saskatchewan within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof by the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund.
- (b) In the event of any failure by Canada to pay Canada's portion of the Entitlement monies to the Trust Account for and on behalf of the Band within the time frames specified in subsection 3.01(b), or in the event of any failure on the part of Canada to deposit to the Trust Account Saskatchewan's portion of the Entitlement Monies within fifteen (15) days of the actual date of payment thereof by Saskatchewan to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund, then the Band shall be entitled to payment by Canada of interest on the unpaid balance of the Entitlement Monies then due, calculated at the Interest Rate plus two percent

(2%) per annum from the date such payment was required to be deposited into the Trust Account to and including the date of payment thereof. All interest payments payable hereunder shall accrue to the benefit of the Band and shall be deposited into the Trust Account by Canada concurrent with the payment of Entitlement Monies pursuant to subsection 3.01(b) and shall constitute part of the Entitlement Monies for the purpose of the Trust Agreement.

3.06 SASKATCHEWAN PAYMENTS TO THE TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT (SASKATCHEWAN) FUND:

- (a) Subject to section 20.23, Canada and Saskatchewan agree to apportion the Entitlement Monies in accordance with the following formula:
 - (i) Canada shall contribute 70% of the Entitlement Monies; and
 - (ii) Saskatchewan shall contribute 30% of the Entitlement Monies.
- (b) Saskatchewan agrees to pay its share of the Entitlement Monies to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund as follows:
 - (i) \$518,609.01 within 30 days of the Execution Date;
 - (ii) \$518,609.16 on or before June 30 in each of the succeeding five (5) years.
- (c) In the event of any failure by Saskatchewan to make any of the foregoing payments within the time frames specified in subsection (b) of this section, then the Band shall be entitled to payment by Saskatchewan of interest on the unpaid balance of such Entitlement Monies then due from Saskatchewan calculated at the Interest Rate plus two (2%) percent per annum from the date such payment was required to be deposited to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund to and including the date of payment thereof. All interest payments payable hereunder by Saskatchewan shall accrue to the benefit of the Band and shall (after receipt by Canada from Saskatchewan) be deposited by Canada into the Trust Account and shall constitute part of the Entitlement Monies.

3.07 NO JOINT OBLIGATION TO PAY:

- (a) The Band agrees with each of Canada and Saskatchewan that the obligations of Saskatchewan and Canada to make payments to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund are several, and not joint or joint and several and, subject only to the application of subsection 3.07(b), Canada shall have no obligation to pay to the Band any portion of its Entitlement Monies that relate to any amounts that were to be paid by Saskatchewan to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund, but which have not been so paid by Saskatchewan.

- (b) Canada agrees that, in the event of any default in payment by Saskatchewan to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund, Canada shall take all reasonable steps, at Canada's expense, to enforce Saskatchewan's obligation hereunder for the benefit of the Band.

**ARTICLE 4
LAND ACQUISITION**

4.01 PURPOSE OF ENTITLEMENT MONIES:

- (a) Entitlement Monies deposited to the Trust Account shall be utilized by the Trustees on behalf of the Band:
 - (i) prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, only for the Purchase of Entitlement Land (including all existing Minerals and Improvements in respect thereof) in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement; and
 - (ii) from and after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, for the Purchase of additional Entitlement Land or other Band Development Purposes.
- (b) Subject to subsection 4.01(c), but notwithstanding subparagraph 4.01(a)(i), the Trustees may, prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, following receipt by the Trustees of a Band Council Resolution requesting the same, withdraw from the Trust Account up to a total of \$430,000.00 which funds shall be paid to the Band and utilized by the Band for Band Development purposes.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection 4.01(b), it is agreed by each of the parties that prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date:
 - (i) the right to make such withdrawal (or withdrawals which, in aggregate, do not exceed the amount referred to in subsection 4.01(b)) is not intended to be a cumulative, repetitive or annual right; and
 - (ii) in the event that any interest in Entitlement Land is Purchased utilizing such funds, the same shall not be eligible to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve except in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

4.02 LIMITATIONS ON USE OF TRUST MONIES:

Prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date:

- (a) the Trustees shall not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any way encumber that portion of the Trust Property in the Trust Account or any interest therein, for any purpose whatsoever and, except as may be specifically authorized in the Trust Agreement, the Trustees shall not lend, invest, release, distribute or advance the Trust Property; and
- (b) except as may have been otherwise agreed pursuant to section 4.12, the Band shall not pledge, hypothecate, encumber or in any way deal with any Entitlement Monies that are on deposit in, or become due, are accruing due, or at any time

become payable from Canada or the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund.

4.03 UPPER LIMIT ON PURCHASE PRICE OF LAND:

Save and except for any Entitlement Land Purchased using the funds referred to in subsection 4.01(b) hereof, no Purchase of Entitlement Land shall be made prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date if the average Price per acre of such Entitlement Land (including all amounts required to Purchase the associated Minerals and Improvements and to pay related Acquisition Costs) would exceed the result obtained, from time to time, by subtracting from the total amount of the Band's Entitlement Monies the sum of:

- (a) the amount mentioned in subsection 4.01(b) of this Agreement; plus
- (b) the amount of Entitlement Monies actually expended or committed for the Purchase of Entitlement Land up to that time;

and, thereafter, dividing such remaining amount by the number of Shortfall Acres which remain to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.

4.04 DEEMED PURCHASE EXPENDITURES:

- (a) Trust Property which is expended on Acquisition Costs, the Purchase of Land, Minerals or Improvements, the satisfaction or accommodation of Occupants of Crown Land, Mineral Disposition Holders and Third Party Interest Holders, together with the costs of conducting feasibility studies, appraisals and environmental assessments (other than those costs to be incurred by Canada in accordance with section 11.07 hereof) shall be deemed for the purposes of section 4.03 and the Trust Agreement to have been spent for the Purchase of Land, Minerals and Improvements.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, to the extent Acquisition Costs have been paid by the Band with other monies not drawn or to be reimbursed from its Trust Account, then such Acquisition Costs shall be deemed, for the purposes of section 4.01, section 4.03 and the Trust Agreement, not to have been spent for the Purchase of Land, Minerals and Improvements.

4.05 PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING SALE OF CROWN LANDS:

- (a) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, transactions involving the sale by Canada or Saskatchewan of federal or provincial Crown Lands (including federal or provincial Crown Improvements in respect thereof) shall be governed by the principle of "willing seller/willing buyer".

- (b) If the Band indicates in writing that it wishes to Purchase any provincial or federal Crown Land or Improvements pursuant to this Agreement, Canada and Saskatchewan agree to advise the Band as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within ninety (90) days of receipt of a written request containing a description that identifies the subject property, whether or not they are prepared to sell the said Crown Lands or Improvements, and to identify any conditions precedent that must be satisfied by the Band prior to the sale being finalized.
- (c) If Canada or Saskatchewan agree to sell any federal or provincial Crown Lands or Crown Improvements as aforesaid, then for a period of eighteen (18) months following delivery by Canada or Saskatchewan of a notification to the Band confirming their intention to sell, the identified Crown Lands or Crown Improvements shall be available for sale to the Band, subject only to an agreement (or a determination hereunder) respecting the purchase price and satisfaction of any applicable conditions precedent.
- (d) During the eighteen (18) month period referred to in subsection (c), neither Canada nor Saskatchewan shall (other than for the benefit of the Band) permit the sale of such federal or provincial Crown Lands or Crown Improvements, or grant any Third Party Interests in respect thereof without the prior written consent of the Band, except:
 - (i) any interests which any existing Third Party Interest Holder is entitled to pursuant to the terms of a contractual arrangement with Saskatchewan or Canada or pursuant to provincial legislation;
 - (ii) Public Utility Easements; or
 - (iii) any new Third Party Interest with a term of less than one (1) year.
- (e) In the event that Canada or Saskatchewan have agreed to sell any Crown Lands or Crown Improvements to the Band, the purchase price shall be equal to the fair market value of the Crown Lands or Crown Improvements as determined by an independent appraiser.
- (f) The cost of an appraisal under subsection (e) shall be borne by the two parties equally.
- (g) Failing agreement between the parties as to the selection of an independent appraiser within thirty (30) days, the independent appraiser shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Arbitration Board upon application by one or both of the parties.
- (h) In the event that the fair market value of Crown Lands or Crown Improvements has been determined by an independent appraiser, the purchase price as so determined shall be binding on the parties and, unless otherwise agreed in writing,

the Band shall have a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the appraisal to conclude such transaction of purchase and sale based on such determination.

- (i) In the event that the Band elects not to purchase the Crown Lands or Crown Improvements at the price determined by the appraiser, then the Band shall be obligated to forthwith cover all of the appraisal costs incurred.
- (j) Notwithstanding subsections (e) to (i) inclusive, the parties may agree on a purchase price without an appraisal.

4.06 SALE OF CROWN LAND:

Subject to applicable law, each of Canada and Saskatchewan agrees to give favourable consideration to offers from the Band to purchase federal or provincial Crown Land, including federal or provincial Crown Improvements thereon, and not to unreasonably withhold the same, provided that nothing in this Agreement (with the exception of subsection 4.05(c)) shall be interpreted as requiring Canada or Saskatchewan to sell or transfer any specific parcel of federal or provincial Crown Land (including Crown Improvements thereon) to, or for the benefit of, the Band.

4.07 RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROVINCIAL CROWN LAND:

Notwithstanding section 4.06, provincial Crown Lands that are designated as the following, at the time the Band indicates in writing to Saskatchewan its interest in Purchasing the said Lands, will only be sold by Saskatchewan under exceptional circumstances:

- (a) critical wildlife habitat lands under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, S.S. 1992, c. W-13.2;
- (b) heritage property under *The Heritage Property Act*, S.S. 1979-80, c. H-2.2;
- (c) provincial parks, protected areas, recreation sites, historic sites and park land reserves under *The Parks Act*, S.S. 1986, c. P-1.1 or lands proposed for such designation;
- (d) ecological reserves under *The Ecological Reserves Act*, S.S. 1979-80, c. E-0.01 or lands proposed for such designation;
- (e) dedicated lands under *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, S.S. 1983-84, c. P-13.1; and
- (f) Provincial Highways which are "divided" or "paved".

4.08 CONSENT OF OCCUPANTS OF CROWN LAND:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, but subject to subsections 4.08(b) and (c), occupied Crown Lands will not be made available for sale to the

Band unless the Occupants of Crown Land have given their written consent (or such other form of consent as may be acceptable to the owner of the Crown Lands) to the sale or transfer.

- (b) Canada and Saskatchewan agree with the Band that in circumstances where the Band is seeking to Purchase pastures established pursuant to the *Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. P-17 ("P.F.R.A. Pastures"), or provincial community pastures, and:
- (i) at least seventy-five (75%) percent of such Occupants of Crown Land have consented to the sale; and
 - (ii) the Band has evidenced its willingness to act reasonably and in good faith to fairly compensate all of the occupants for the value of their interest or, alternatively, to enter into a binding agreement (subject to applicable federal legislation) with such Occupants of Crown Land to honour their interests;

then Canada (in the case of P.F.R.A. Pastures under its sole administration and control), Canada and Saskatchewan (in the case of P.F.R.A. Pastures administered and controlled by Canada but in respect of which Saskatchewan has a reversionary interest), and Saskatchewan (in the case of provincial community pastures) may approve of the sale of the pasture to the Band. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude Canada from selling P.F.R.A. Pastures (which are owned, administered and controlled solely by Canada and in respect of which Saskatchewan has no reversionary interest) in the event that less than seventy-five (75%) percent of the affected Occupants of Crown Land have consented to such a sale.

- (c) Saskatchewan agrees that where the Band wishes to purchase provincial Crown Land that is covered by a Forest Management Licence Agreement, the purchase price shall be determined in accordance with subsection 4.10(b) and the consent of the licensee will not be required where Saskatchewan can, pursuant to the terms of the Forest Management Licence Agreement, withdraw the Lands from the Forest Management Licence Agreement without the consent of the licensee provided that:
- (i) where Saskatchewan can withdraw the Lands without cost, no additional compensation shall be payable by the Band;
 - (ii) where Saskatchewan can withdraw the Lands without cost, other than the cost of providing alternate Land to the licensee where satisfactory alternate Land is available, no additional compensation shall be payable by the Band; and
 - (iii) where Saskatchewan cannot withdraw the Lands without paying compensation to the licensee, the Band has agreed to pay all compensation

required to be paid to the licensee pursuant to the terms of such Forest Management Licence Agreement.

4.09 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES CONCERNING LAND SELECTION:

In the event of any dispute between any other Entitlement Band and the Band as to availability of any Land, Minerals or Improvements now or hereafter selected, resolution of such dispute shall be determined solely by the other Entitlement Band involved and the Band.

4.10 SALE OF NORTHERN CROWN LAND:

Subject to subsection 4.05(a), but otherwise notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article, each of Canada and Saskatchewan agrees that the following principles apply to the determination of the purchase price of provincial or federal Crown Land in the Northern Administration District:

- (a) the basic purchase price shall be Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per acre, subject to the following exceptions:
 - (i) the purchase price of Shore Land within fifty (50) kilometres of the boundary of an Urban Municipality or a Northern Municipality shall be Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per acre; and
 - (ii) the purchase price of Shore Land not within fifty (50) kilometres of the boundary of an Urban Municipality or a Northern Municipality shall be One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars per acre;
- (b) the purchase price of any provincial or federal Crown Land which is Productive Forest Land shall be increased by the following amounts:
 - (i) Lands within the "core area" covered by a Forest Management Licence Agreement, Eighteen (\$18.00) Dollars per acre;
 - (ii) Lands within the "reserve area" covered by a Forest Management Licence Agreement, Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per acre;
 - (iii) Lands not within the area covered by a Forest Management Licence Agreement, but within the area covered by a proposed Forest Management Licence Agreement or the commercial forest south of a line formed by the southern most boundary of the areas covered by Forest Management Licence Agreements and the areas covered by proposed Forest Management Licence Agreements (as determined by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and indicated on a map of forest resources published by such Department from time to time) Eighteen (\$18.00) Dollars per acre; and

- (iv) Lands not within the area covered by a Forest Management Licence Agreement or the area covered by a proposed Forest Management Licence Agreement, but within the commercial forest north of a line formed by the northern most boundary of the areas covered by existing Forest Management Licence Agreements and the areas covered by proposed Forest Management Licence Agreements determined as above, Nine (\$9.00) Dollars per acre;
- (c) notwithstanding subsections 4.10(a) and (b):
 - (i) the parties agree that the purchase price of any Crown Improvements or Crown Minerals associated with such provincial or federal Crown Land shall be added to the price determined in this section in respect of Crown Land; and
 - (ii) each of Canada and Saskatchewan agrees to sell all unimproved provincial or federal Crown Lands within a Northern Municipality at a price of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per acre;
- (d) the prices for northern provincial and northern federal Crown Land (and related Productive Forest Land charges) set forth in this section shall, unless otherwise agreed to in writing among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band, be in effect for a period of at least twelve (12) years from the Execution Date;
- (e) the parties also agree, at the time and as part of the process described in subsection 4.09(e) of the Framework Agreement, to enter into good faith negotiations to determine what additional period of time, if any, the prices in this section 4.10 shall continue to be effective and what amendments, if any, are required thereto; and
- (f) in the event that the parties are unable to agree upon an extension of the applicable time period or any required amendments on or before the expiration of the twelve (12) year period referred to in subsection (d), then, unless otherwise agreed in writing among the parties, thereafter the determination of such value in respect of such northern Crown Lands shall be based on the fair market value thereof.

4.11 NORTHERN LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS:

- (a) The parties acknowledge that:
 - (i) Land comprising certain Northern Municipalities may wholly, or substantially, become part of an Entitlement Reserve, and that it is in the interests of all parties that the Band is in a position to acquire certain Lands and Improvements located within the Northern Municipality in a

manner and at a price that reflects the community nature of those Lands and Improvements;

- (ii) in addition to provincial Crown Lands and Crown Improvements located in such Northern Municipalities, many of the relevant Lands and Improvements may be the property of a Northern Municipality or a School Division operating within such Northern Municipality, but Saskatchewan has an interest in the valuation of those Lands and Improvements arising from its funding arrangements with such parties, and potential reversionary interests in law;
 - (iii) certain non-Entitlement Reserve residents residing in or near such Northern Municipalities may also continue to require the use of, or should be entitled to the continued use of, certain of those Lands and Improvements; and
 - (iv) Canada, Saskatchewan and/or the Band may have contributed to the capital cost or maintenance of such Lands or Improvements.
- (b) Each of Canada and Saskatchewan agrees to give favourable consideration to offers from the Band to Purchase provincial or federal Crown Land and Improvements in a Northern Municipality at a price that is agreeable to the Band and Canada or Saskatchewan, and which takes into account the depreciated value of the Improvement, the remaining debt owing on the Improvement, the need to replace the Improvement and, in the case of Saskatchewan, the continuing services that the Band will agree to provide to non-Entitlement Reserve residents after the transfer of such Crown Land or Improvements to the Band;
- (c) Saskatchewan agrees that where the Band wishes to Purchase a school (including any associated Land or other Improvements) situated in a Northern Municipality, it will encourage the board of the relevant School Division to give favourable consideration to offers from the Band to Purchase the school at a price that is agreeable to the Band and the School Division, and which takes into account the depreciated value of the school, the remaining debt owing on the school, the School Division's need to replace the school and provide alternate services to non-Entitlement Reserve residents after the transfer of the school to the Band, contributions made by Canada, Saskatchewan and/or the Band toward the capital cost of the school, (depreciated, when applicable, on the same basis as the value of the said school), existing and proposed tuition agreement arrangements (including any capital portion thereof) and the continuing services that the Band will agree to provide to non-Entitlement Reserve residents;
- (d) Saskatchewan agrees that where the Band wishes to Purchase Lands or Improvements owned by a Northern Municipality, it will encourage the Northern Municipality to give favourable consideration to offers from the Band to Purchase the same at a price agreeable to the Northern Municipality and the Band and which takes into account the depreciated value of the Improvements, the

remaining debt owing on the Improvements, the Northern Municipality's need to replace the Lands or Improvements or provide alternate services to non-Entitlement Reserve residents after the transfer thereof to the Band, contributions by Canada, Saskatchewan and/or the Band toward the capital cost of the Lands or Improvements, (depreciated, when applicable, on the same basis as the value of the said Lands or Improvements), and the continuing services that the Band will agree to provide to non-Entitlement Reserve residents after the transfer of such Lands or Improvements to the Band;

- (e) In the event that there is any dispute in arriving at a mutually agreeable price pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) based on the foregoing criteria, then the same shall, at the option of the Band, Saskatchewan or the School Division be determined by the Arbitration Board;
- (f) In the event of a dispute between the Band and a Northern Municipality, the same may, by agreement between the Northern Municipality and the Band, be submitted for determination by the Arbitration Board;
- (g) In determining the purchase price of any Land or Improvements referred to in this section, the Arbitration Board shall utilize the criteria referred to in this section in respect of such assets, the provisions of subsection 4.11(a), and such other criteria as the Arbitration Board deems reasonable or appropriate;
- (h) The decision of the Arbitration Board shall be final and binding upon the parties;
- (i) The Arbitration Board shall be empowered to make such orders respecting its determination as may be necessary to carry out its decision;
- (j) In the event that the owner of any Lands or Improvements is a Northern Municipality, or a School Division therein, Saskatchewan agrees to permit the affected Northern Municipality or School Division to negotiate and conclude the sale and transfer of such assets to the Band in good faith and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Band and such Northern Municipality or School Division without interference, provided that Saskatchewan may, at the request of any party, elect to facilitate such negotiations and provide such assistance and information as may be necessary or required and, in the case of a School Division asset, the completion of the sale shall be subject to approval by the Saskatchewan Minister of Learning pursuant to section 347 of *The Education Act, 1995*, S.S. 1995, c. E-0.2;
- (k) For greater certainty, in the event the Band Purchases any Land or Improvements from Saskatchewan, a Northern Municipality or a School Division which are located in a Northern Municipality, no portion of the purchase price shall relate, nor be payable, to Canada in respect of any capital or other contributions made by Canada in respect thereof; and

- (1) In the event that any Land or Improvements located in a Northern Municipality are owned by Canada and are under the administration of the Department, the same shall pass free of charge to the Band upon creation of an Entitlement Reserve in respect thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement respecting the creation of Entitlement Reserves.

4.12 ASSISTANCE WITH CERTAIN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- (a) Subject always to compliance with the other provisions of this Agreement, prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, Canada agrees with the Band to give favourable consideration to financial arrangements designed to assist the Band to immediately acquire Entitlement Land, provided that any such financial arrangements:
 - (i) are made with the prior written consent of, and upon appropriate prior consultation with Canada;
 - (ii) do not involve the payment of Entitlement Monies by Canada during any period extending past the last date on which Canada and Saskatchewan are scheduled to make any payment of Entitlement Monies to the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund;
 - (iii) are designed to assist the Band in receiving unencumbered title to Land, Minerals or Improvements that will upon Purchase, be readily available for Entitlement Reserve creation;
 - (iv) unless otherwise agreed, involve an irrevocable direction acceptable to Canada, acting reasonably, from the Band to Canada pursuant to which Canada is directed to pay some portion of its then remaining payments scheduled to be made to the Band under Article 3, directly to a third party on behalf of the Band;
 - (v) are structured in such a way that Canada is satisfied, acting reasonably, that the Band will be able to attain its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date and otherwise be in a position to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and its Trust Agreement; and
 - (vi) call for the payments by Canada to such a third party being made at the same time that payments to the Band are otherwise being made by Canada hereunder.
- (b) From and after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, Canada agrees to continue to give favourable consideration to the financial arrangements referred to as aforesaid, provided that the conditions referred to in subparagraphs (a)(i), (ii), (iv) and (vi) are complied with.

**ARTICLE 5
MINERALS**

5.01 SHORTFALL ACRES TO INCLUDE ALL MINERALS:

- (a) The Band agrees that, prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, all Entitlement Land Purchased shall include all Minerals and shall be free and clear of all Mineral Dispositions and, in the case of Land in respect of which all the underlying Minerals are owned by the provincial or federal Crown, such Minerals shall not, in the case of provincial Crown Minerals, be the subject of any Public Purposes Plan.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, the surface of Entitlement Land may be Purchased without acquiring all, or any, of the underlying Minerals, provided however:
 - (i) the eligibility of such Entitlement Land to become an Entitlement Reserve shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the terms of section 4.03, this Article, Article 8 and Article 11; and
 - (ii) in any event, the aggregate surface area of all Entitlement Land Purchased without acquiring all, or any, of the underlying Minerals prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, shall not exceed Four Thousand (4,000) acres.

5.02 LAND EXCEEDING SHORTFALL ACRES:

From and after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, the surface of Land may be Purchased without acquiring all, or any, of the underlying Minerals, provided, however, eligibility of such Land for creation as an Entitlement Reserve shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article and Article 11.

5.03 CERTAIN CROWN OWNED MINERALS:

- (a) Canada and Saskatchewan agree to give favourable consideration to offers from or on behalf of the Band to Purchase federal or provincial Crown Minerals which are subject to a Mineral Disposition, provided that each Mineral Disposition Holder consents to such Purchase.
- (b) The method of payment, availability of Minerals for Purchase and the disposition of such Minerals by Canada or Saskatchewan shall be governed by the provisions of this Article and, for greater certainty, the provisions of section 5.07 and 5.08 shall apply to Minerals in respect of which Canada is the Fee Simple Mineral

Owner subject to such changes to sections 5.07 and 5.08 as are necessary in the circumstances to accommodate Canada's ownership interest. Nothing herein (except in subsection 5.03(d)) shall be interpreted as requiring Canada or Saskatchewan to sell any Crown Minerals.

- (c) If the Band indicates in writing that it wishes to Purchase any provincial or federal Crown Minerals pursuant to this Agreement, Canada and Saskatchewan agree to advise the Band as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within ninety (90) days of receipt of such a written request, containing a description that identifies the subject property, whether or not they are prepared to sell the said Crown Minerals and to identify any conditions precedent that must be satisfied by the Band prior to the sale being finalized.
- (d) If Canada or Saskatchewan agree to sell any Crown Minerals as aforesaid, then for a period of eighteen (18) months following delivery by Canada or Saskatchewan of a notification to the Band confirming their intention to sell, the identified Crown Minerals shall be available for sale to the Band subject to an agreement (or a determination under this Agreement) respecting the purchase price and the satisfaction of any identified conditions precedent.
- (e) During the period referred to in subsection (d), Canada and Saskatchewan agree that they shall not (other than for the benefit of the Band) sell or transfer any interest in, grant any Mineral Disposition, or establish any Public Purpose, in respect of any such Crown Minerals without the Band's prior written consent, except any interests which any existing Mineral Disposition Holder is entitled to pursuant to the terms of the Mineral Disposition or provincial legislation.
- (f) In the event that Canada or Saskatchewan have agreed to sell any Crown Minerals to the Band, the purchase price of such Minerals shall be determined by an independent appraiser in accordance with section 5.06.
- (g) Each of the Band and the vendor of the Crown Land shall be entitled to submit any relevant information to the independent appraiser to assist in the determination of the purchase price of the Crown Minerals.
- (h) The cost of an appraisal under subsection (f) shall be borne by the two parties equally.
- (i) Failing agreement between the parties as to the selection of an independent appraiser to determine the purchase price within thirty (30) days, the independent appraiser shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Arbitration Board upon application by one or both of the parties.
- (j) In the event that the purchase price of Crown Minerals has been determined by an independent appraiser, the purchase price as so determined shall be binding upon the parties and, unless otherwise agreed in writing, the transaction of purchase and sale shall be concluded on such determination within sixty (60) days of the

date such appraisal is completed unless the Band elects not to complete such Purchase at the price determined, in which case the Band shall be obligated to forthwith cover all of the appraisal costs incurred.

- (k) Notwithstanding subsections (f) to (j) inclusive, the parties may agree on a price without an appraisal.

5.04 TRANSFER OF CERTAIN MINERALS BY SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA WITHOUT COMPENSATION:

- (a) In respect of all Entitlement Land up to and including the Band's Equity Quantum:
 - (i) where Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Undisposed Minerals underlying such Entitlement Land, Saskatchewan shall, without compensation, transfer such Undisposed Minerals to Canada for the benefit of the Band effective upon creation of the Entitlement Reserve;
 - (ii) where Saskatchewan at any time becomes the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Undisposed Minerals underlying an Entitlement Reserve, Saskatchewan shall, without compensation, promptly transfer the same to Canada for the benefit of the Band;
 - (iii) notwithstanding subparagraph (i), but subject to subparagraph (iv), where Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Undisposed Minerals underlying Entitlement Land which are required for Public Purposes, Saskatchewan shall not be required to transfer such Undisposed Minerals to Canada for the benefit of the Band;
 - (iv) where Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Minerals which were, as at the date that such Entitlement Land was Purchased, withheld by Saskatchewan for Public Purposes but any of such Minerals have subsequently ceased to be necessary for Public Purposes, Saskatchewan shall, without compensation, promptly transfer such Minerals to Canada for the benefit of the Band;
 - (v) Saskatchewan shall, upon a written request from the Band, advise the Band of the existence (or non-existence) of a Public Purposes Plan in respect of any particular Undisposed Minerals as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within thirty (30) days of receipt by Saskatchewan of such a request;
 - (vi) In the event of a dispute between Saskatchewan and the Band as to whether any Undisposed Minerals underlying Land were the subject of a Public Purposes Plan:

- (A) as of the date that Saskatchewan received written notice from the Band that the Land was the subject of an Agreement to Purchase with a third party; or
- (B) in the case of provincial Crown Lands, as of the date that the Band has made a request to Saskatchewan pursuant to subsection 5.04(a)(v);

shall be referred to the Arbitration Board for resolution in accordance with Article 19; and

- (vii) where Canada is, or at any time becomes, the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Undisposed Minerals underlying Entitlement Land, Canada agrees to set apart such Undisposed Minerals as part of the Entitlement Reserve without compensation.
- (b) Crown Minerals which are, or were, the subject of a Mineral Disposition shall be deemed to be Undisposed Minerals in the following circumstances:
- (i) when the Disposition Holder does not exercise, within the time frame permitted pursuant to the Mineral Disposition, any available option to renew the Mineral Disposition;
 - (ii) when the Mineral Disposition Holder abandons the Mineral Disposition;
 - (iii) if the Mineral Disposition Holder fails to produce or extract the Mineral which is the subject of the Mineral Disposition for a period of time which would, under the terms of the Mineral Disposition, permit Saskatchewan or Canada to terminate the Mineral Disposition or refuse to renew the same; or
 - (iv) the term of the Mineral Disposition, including all renewals, has expired.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), Minerals shall be deemed not to be Undisposed Minerals in the following circumstances:
- (i) where the Mineral Disposition Holder has surrendered the Mineral Disposition pursuant to an agreement, contract, undertaking or informal understanding between such Mineral Disposition Holder and the Band and/or Canada, on the basis that a Replacement Mineral Disposition is to be granted or entered into at a future date under applicable federal legislation;
 - (ii) in the case of provincial Crown Minerals, where the Mineral Disposition Holder has defaulted under the terms of the Mineral Disposition in which case Saskatchewan shall have five (5) years from the date of default in which to grant a further Mineral Disposition in respect of such Mineral on

terms and conditions generally available in the industry at such time (including renewals thereunder), failing which the Mineral shall be deemed to be an Undisposed Mineral;

- (iii) Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of the Minerals in question and the same are the subject of an existing trust agreement or trust certificate; or
 - (iv) any provincial Crown Minerals subject to a lease of space agreement or a gas storage agreement.
- (d) In any case where Minerals are deemed not to be Undisposed Minerals through the operation of subsection (c)(ii), the same shall be made available for Purchase by the Band pursuant to section 5.03.
- (e) Saskatchewan agrees that it will, upon the request of the Band, transfer to Canada for the benefit of the Band, all those provincial Crown Minerals underlying the Entitlement Reserve:
- (i) for which a title can lawfully be issued;
 - (ii) that are not subject to a Mineral Disposition provided that the legally enforceable existing rights, obligations and priorities of any Mineral Disposition Holder with an interest in any other Minerals underlying the Entitlement Reserve are maintained;
 - (iii) that are not required for Public Purposes; and
 - (iv) that are not subject to a lease of space agreement or a gas storage agreement.

5.05 SURFACE ACCESS:

The Band agrees that where Entitlement Land has been Purchased and all Minerals have not been Purchased or all Mineral Dispositions have not been removed, or arrangements satisfactory to Canada, the Band and the Mineral Disposition Holder have not been made for the surrender of the Mineral Disposition and recreation thereof pursuant to applicable federal legislation prior to the date upon which such Entitlement Land is to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, the parties agree that the following conditions will apply in respect of any such Minerals or Mineral Dispositions, namely:

- (a) the Entitlement Land will not be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve until:
 - (i) where there is a Surface Lease, the Band has, subject to the requirements of the Act and any other applicable federal legislation, entered into an agreement to honour the same;

- (ii) where such Mineral Disposition consists of an interest held by a Fee Simple Mineral Owner or Mineral Disposition Holder but there are no existing Surface Leases granting surface access, the Band has, pursuant to applicable federal legislation, entered into an agreement with any Fee Simple Mineral Owners or Mineral Disposition Holders to provide surface access to such Persons and their duly authorized servants and agents;
 - (iii) where any Fee Simple Mineral Owner or Mineral Disposition Holder cannot, after reasonable efforts by the Band, be located or, having been located, indicates unwillingness to enter into an agreement with respect to surface access then, subject to applicable federal legislation, the Band shall execute and deliver to Canada a binding agreement or undertaking (together with a Band Council Resolution approving the same) which permits issuance by the Minister, after the creation of the Entitlement Reserve, of an appropriate permit or other right under federal legislation to ensure surface access to such Mineral Disposition Holder or Fee Simple Mineral Owner.
- (b) subject to applicable federal legislation, the provisions of section 5.05 shall no longer be applicable if Canada enacts legislation to provide for mechanisms which ensure surface access to a Fee Simple Mineral Owner or a Mineral Disposition Holder in respect of Entitlement Reserves on terms and conditions similar to those contained in *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act*, R.S.S. 1978, c. S-65; and
 - (c) notwithstanding subsections 5.05(a) and (b), but subject to applicable federal legislation, the Band may enter into any binding agreement with a Mineral Disposition Holder or any Fee Simple Mineral Owner respecting surface access which meets the needs and objectives of the parties.

5.06 VALUATION OF MINERALS:

- (a) The independent appraiser selected or appointed pursuant to section 5.03 shall determine the purchase price of Crown Minerals which Saskatchewan has agreed to sell to the Band by determining the net present day value to Saskatchewan of the Provincial Mineral Revenues that Saskatchewan would have earned if not for the transfer of the Minerals to the Band.
- (b) The independent appraiser shall determine the projected production of the provincial Crown Minerals and the projected price of those Crown Minerals by reference to standards accepted by the industry involved in the extraction of that particular Mineral.
- (c) The independent appraiser shall apply a discount factor equivalent to the cost of borrowing of Saskatchewan or the rate of return upon investments made by Saskatchewan, at the time of the determination, whichever more appropriately

reflects the loss of Provincial Mineral Revenues that Saskatchewan will incur as a result of the transfer of the provincial Crown Minerals to the Band.

- (d) In the event of a determination by the independent appraiser in respect of any federal Crown Minerals, the purchase price shall, unless otherwise agreed, be equal to the fair market value thereof.

5.07 NON-CONSENT OF A DISPOSITION HOLDER:

- (a) Notwithstanding subsection 5.03(a), where Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of Minerals underlying Entitlement Lands which it does not hold in trust pursuant to an existing trust agreement or trust certificate for any Person, but a Mineral Disposition Holder does not consent to the sale of such Minerals to the Band, Saskatchewan agrees that it will give favourable consideration to the Purchase of its interest notwithstanding the lack of consent by the Mineral Disposition Holder provided an Agreement to Purchase has first been entered into among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band containing the following terms and conditions, together with others that the parties may agree upon:
 - (i) the purchase price for the said Minerals shall, unless otherwise agreed, be paid to Saskatchewan upon the signing of the Agreement to Purchase the same;
 - (ii) Saskatchewan will agree to transfer the Minerals to Canada for the benefit of the Band forthwith upon the expiration or termination of the interest held by the Mineral Disposition Holder that failed or refused to consent to the sale of the Minerals to the Band;
 - (iii) Saskatchewan will pay to the Band (or to Canada in the event the surface of the Entitlement Land is held in the name of Canada) for the use and benefit of the Band, all Provincial Mineral Revenues actually paid to Saskatchewan in respect of the said Minerals between the date of the signing of the agreement referred to in subparagraph 5.07(a)(i) and the date of the transfer of Minerals referred to in subsection 5.07(a)(ii), minus an agreed-upon fee for administration not to exceed five (5%) percent of such Provincial Mineral Revenues; and
 - (iv) in the event of a default by the Mineral Disposition Holder, Saskatchewan agrees to take all reasonable steps to collect any unpaid Provincial Mineral Revenues owing by such Mineral Disposition Holder to Saskatchewan pursuant to the terms of the Mineral Disposition.
- (b) In any case where subsection (a) is applicable, Canada agrees that any Provincial Mineral Revenues transferred to Canada for the benefit of the Band pursuant to subsection 5.07(a) will not be considered to be revenues of Saskatchewan for the purpose of calculating any entitlement which Saskatchewan might have to

equalization payments or for the purposes of other federal-provincial fiscal arrangements whatsoever.

5.08 TRANSFER OF PROVINCIAL CROWN MINERALS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- (a) Where Saskatchewan is the Fee Simple Mineral Owner of any Minerals underlying Entitlement Lands which it does not hold in trust pursuant to an existing trust agreement or trust certificate for any Person which are subject to a Mineral Disposition and the Band indicates that it wishes to Purchase the Minerals and to pay for the Minerals out of the future revenue to be earned from those Minerals, Saskatchewan will transfer the Minerals to Canada, unencumbered, effective upon the Entitlement Reserve creation provided:
 - (i) the Mineral Disposition Holder has agreed to surrender its Mineral Disposition and accept a Replacement Mineral Disposition; and
 - (ii) Canada agrees to take all necessary steps to create a Replacement Mineral Disposition and, pursuant thereto, to remit to Saskatchewan, from those amounts received by Canada from the Mineral Disposition Holder, an amount equivalent to the Provincial Mineral Revenues which would have otherwise been payable to Saskatchewan (based upon actual production by such Mineral Disposition Holder) had the Minerals which are the subject of the Replacement Mineral Disposition not been transferred to Canada.
- (b) In the event that the Mineral Disposition Holder defaults under the terms of the Replacement Mineral Disposition, Canada and the Band agree:
 - (i) to immediately advise Saskatchewan of the default;
 - (ii) to take all reasonable steps to collect the amounts due from the Mineral Disposition Holder and to pay therefrom an amount up to (but not exceeding) the Provincial Mineral Revenues owing by Canada to Saskatchewan pursuant to subsection 5.08(a)(ii) to the date the Replacement Mineral Disposition is terminated; and
 - (iii) upon request of Saskatchewan, to take steps to cancel the Replacement Mineral Disposition if the default has not been remedied prior to receipt of such request from Saskatchewan.
- (c) In the event that the Replacement Mineral Disposition is terminated as a result of the default by the Mineral Disposition Holder, any of Canada, Saskatchewan or the Band may arrange for a new Replacement Mineral Disposition and Canada agrees to grant the new Replacement Mineral Disposition on terms and conditions generally available in the industry at the time and for a period of time, including associated rights of renewal, similar to those that had been contained in the original Mineral Disposition. In such an event, Canada agrees to take all

necessary steps to create a new Replacement Mineral Disposition and thereafter the obligations of Canada, as outlined under subsections 5.08(a) and (b), shall thereafter continue in respect of the new Replacement Mineral Disposition.

- (d) In the event that arrangements for a new Replacement Mineral Disposition have not been made within five (5) years from the date of termination of a Replacement Mineral Disposition as provided under subsection (b), no further payments shall be required to be made by Canada to Saskatchewan in respect thereof and Saskatchewan shall forthwith cease to have any rights or beneficial interest in respect of the affected Minerals or potential revenues derived therefrom.
- (e) Saskatchewan agrees to promptly notify Canada of any changes from time to time in the royalties, taxes and rents which form the basis for the calculation of Provincial Mineral Revenues unless, pursuant to applicable federal legislation, such changes are deemed to apply to the Replacement Mineral Disposition without notice.
- (f) The terms of any Replacement Mineral Disposition shall include, unless otherwise agreed among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band, provisions which:
 - (i) to the extent reasonably possible coincide with the term of the Mineral Disposition including all available renewals;
 - (ii) automatically increase the amounts otherwise payable by the Mineral Disposition Holder pursuant to the Replacement Mineral Disposition in accordance with any increases in the royalties, taxes and rents which form the basis for calculation of the Provincial Mineral Revenues; and
 - (iii) automatically terminate the Replacement Mineral Disposition not more than sixty (60) days following any default in payment of any amounts due to be paid by the Disposition Holder to Canada pursuant to the terms thereof.
- (g) In the event that Canada is entitled, pursuant to the terms of the Replacement Mineral Disposition, to receive amounts which exceed the Provincial Mineral Revenues, then such excess amounts, if any, shall be received by Canada for the use and benefit of the Band.

5.09 EXISTING SURFACE OR MINERAL LEASES:

- (a) During the period when Entitlement Land is held in the name of Canada until such Entitlement Land becomes Entitlement Reserve the Band and Canada agree that, save and except for any amounts payable to Saskatchewan as contemplated in section 5.08, it is their common intention and understanding that the revenues received by Canada pursuant to any Surface Lease or Mineral Disposition shall be utilized by Canada for the use and benefit of the Band.

- (b) Canada agrees that it will honour the terms of all Surface Leases or Mineral Dispositions affecting Entitlement Land during the period when such Entitlement Land is held in the name of Canada until the same is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.

5.10 JOINT PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS:

- (a) In any case where Minerals which are subject to a Mineral Disposition are Purchased, Canada agrees that it shall not set apart the Entitlement Land as an Entitlement Reserve until the Band has, subject to the requirements of applicable federal legislation, entered into an agreement to honour the terms of all Joint Production Agreements.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Band may, subject to the requirements of the Act, enter into an agreement with all parties to existing Joint Production Agreements which meets the needs and objectives of all parties thereto.

5.11 OIL AND GAS/MINING:

- (a) Subject to subsection (b), Canada and the Band agree that they will not authorize or permit the production or disposition of oil or gas underlying an Entitlement Reserve except in accordance with the requirements of section 4 of the *Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 1995*, SOR/94-753.
- (b) If the requirements of section 4 of the said *Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 1995* are amended or repealed, in whole or in part, then, subject to enactment of amending or replacement federal legislation relating to the production of oil and gas situate on Entitlement Reserve land, Canada, Saskatchewan, and the Band agree to enter into good faith negotiations to alter the obligations of Canada and the Band under subsection (a).
- (c) Subject to subsection (d), Canada and Band agree that they will not authorize or permit the production or disposition of Minerals (other than oil or gas) underlying an Entitlement Reserve except in accordance with the requirements of section 4 of the *Indian Mining Regulations, C.R.C. 1978, c. 956*.
- (d) If the requirements of section 4 of the said *Indian Mining Regulations* are repealed, in whole or in part, then subject to enactment of amending or replacement federal legislation relating to the extraction of Minerals located on Entitlement Reserve land, Canada, Saskatchewan, and the Band agree to enter into good faith negotiations to alter the obligations of Canada and the Band under subsection (c).

5.12 PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD AND FEDERAL CROWN MINERALS ONLY:

The parties agree that, from and after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, freehold or federally held Minerals, or any interests therein, may be Purchased without the Band having to Purchase the surface of the Land. In such an event, the Band agrees that such Minerals, or any interest therein, shall not be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve unless ownership of all accompanying Land has been acquired in the form required pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 WATER

6.01 WHOLLY ENCLOSED WATERBODIES:

- (a) If a surface or subsurface Waterbody is wholly enclosed within the boundaries of any Entitlement Lands and has no Discernible Surface Outlet beyond the boundaries of the Entitlement Lands, Saskatchewan shall, without compensation, transfer to Canada all water, beds and shores of that Waterbody, effective upon creation of the Entitlement Reserve with respect to those Entitlement Lands.
- (b) For the purposes of this Article, ownership of Road Allowances intersecting a Waterbody shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Waterbody is wholly enclosed within Entitlement Land.

6.02 TRANSFER OF BEDS AND SHORES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

Saskatchewan agrees to give favourable consideration to offers from the Band to Purchase the beds and shores of any Waterbody adjacent to Entitlement Land. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as requiring Saskatchewan to sell the beds and shores of such Waterbodies.

6.03 RESERVE BOUNDARIES:

Where Entitlement Land adjacent to a Waterbody is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, the parties agree that:

- (a) the boundary of the Entitlement Reserve shall be the ordinary high water mark for such Waterbody;
- (b) the Entitlement Reserve shall not include within its boundaries any portion of the bed or the shore of the Waterbody below the ordinary high water mark unless Saskatchewan has expressly agreed to transfer the beds and shores in accordance with section 6.02; and
- (c) subject to compliance with the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, R.S.C. 1985 c. N.-22, the Band shall have the right to place a dock, wharf or pier on the bed of the Waterbody along the boundary of any such Waterbody which is adjacent to an Entitlement Reserve, without needing to obtain any licence or to pay any fee or compensation whatsoever.

6.04 RIPARIAN RIGHTS:

The Band shall, immediately upon creation of an Entitlement Reserve, have full common law riparian rights with respect to the use and occupation of that Entitlement Reserve adjacent to a Waterbody, but, for greater certainty, the principle of *ad medium filium aquae* shall be

inapplicable unless the affected beds and shores have otherwise been acquired by the Band under section 6.02.

6.05 NON-ENFORCEMENT OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS IN CERTAIN CASES:

- (a) Where an Entitlement Reserve is established adjacent to a Waterbody, the Band agrees with Canada and Saskatchewan that the common law riparian rights referred to in section 6.04 shall be unenforceable by injunction, mandamus, prohibition, or similar prerogative writ for the purposes of preventing or delaying any Water Project provided that:
 - (i) Canada and the Band were notified at least six (6) months in advance of any decision in relation to the approval of any Water Project; and
 - (ii) the Band shall have been afforded active and meaningful participation in any decision by a decision making authority concerned with the approval or operation of any such Water Project.
- (b) The parties agree that nothing in this section limits the right of the Band to seek or obtain monetary compensation from Saskatchewan (including costs associated with obtaining such compensation) for damages suffered as the result of any interference with, loss of, or damage to, the Band's common law riparian rights.

6.06 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF INDIAN USE:

- (a) Where any Water Project may, in the opinion of the Band, reasonably be expected in a discernible way to adversely affect the Band's common law riparian rights, the Band and Canada and/or Saskatchewan, as the case may be, agree to jointly review or, if applicable, jointly conduct any environmental impact assessments or other studies concerning the effects, or possible effects, of any Water Project as may be statutorily required;
- (b) Canada and/or Saskatchewan, as the case may be, agree to jointly review or, if applicable, jointly conduct the same with the Band in a manner which takes due consideration of the Band's riparian rights and usage of any affected Waterbody by the Band, or the Members of the Band, for hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering or other traditional uses.

6.07 AGREEMENT AMONGST PARTIES:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, but subject to applicable legislation, Saskatchewan and the Band may enter into a Co-Management Agreement concerning the management and use of all or any portion of a particular Waterbody adjacent to an Entitlement Reserve (including its water, bed and shore) affecting the Band's common law riparian rights, which meets the needs and objectives of all parties.

6.08 CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

- (a) The Co-Management Agreement shall address matters affecting, in a discernible way, the quantity, quality, or rate of flow of waters in a Waterbody in respect of which the Band has riparian rights and may provide for any matters related to the use, management or development of the Waterbody. In particular, such an agreement may provide for the following:
 - (i) the establishment of a process for the exchange of information and consultations between the Band and Saskatchewan (and, where necessary, Canada) with respect to those Waterbodies and Water Projects;
 - (ii) the establishment of a process for the active and meaningful participation by the Band in the decision making process with respect to the approval or disapproval of Water Projects; and
 - (iii) the establishment of a Co-Management Board to make binding decisions with respect to Waterbodies and Water Projects.
- (b) In no event shall the entering into of a Co-Management Agreement be a condition precedent to the sale of any Crown Land, Minerals or Improvements hereunder.

6.09 CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD:

In the event that the Band and Saskatchewan agree pursuant to a Co-Management Agreement that a Co-Management Board be established, the following principles shall apply:

- (a) the Band and Saskatchewan shall be represented on the Co-Management Board by an equal number of members except in cases where the interest of the Band vis-a-vis the interest of other users of the water does not warrant equal representation, in which case the respective representation of the Band and Saskatchewan on the Co-Management Board shall be agreed upon by the Band and Saskatchewan;
- (b) in the event that there is no agreement on the representation of the Band and Saskatchewan on the Co-Management Board, it shall be referred to the Arbitration Board; and
- (c) the Co-Management Board shall have the authority to review and either approve, wholly or on terms and conditions, or disapprove, of any Water Project within its jurisdiction.

6.10 MINISTER'S CONSENT MAY BE REQUIRED:

Subject to applicable legislation, the Band and Saskatchewan acknowledge that the Minister's consent may be required pursuant to the Act to give effect to any Co-Management Agreement. To the extent such consent is required, the Band and Saskatchewan agree that such consent shall be obtained prior to execution and delivery of any Co-Management Agreement.

6.11 NO EFFECT ON TREATY RIGHTS:

Any provision of this Article which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to conflict with or derogate from Treaty rights of the Band or its Members shall, to the extent of such conflict or derogation, be deemed to be null and void and of no further force or effect whatsoever.

**ARTICLE 7
PROVINCIAL ROADS**

7.01 TRANSFER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT:

The parties agree that the transfer of administration and control of Provincial Roads from Saskatchewan to Canada to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve shall in all cases be the subject of a separate agreement among the Band, Saskatchewan, Canada and the Rural Municipality, or Urban Municipality, or Northern Municipality within which the Provincial Road is located.

7.02 PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT:

Subject to section 7.05 hereof, where the parties agree to enter into an agreement pursuant to section 7.01, the following principles will be applicable to such an agreement:

- (a) Where only one side of a Provincial Road is immediately adjacent to an Entitlement Reserve, it will not normally be transferred.
- (b) Where a Provincial Road is bounded on both sides by a Reserve and/or an Entitlement Reserve and will be used primarily to provide access to locations within an Entitlement Reserve or Entitlement Land, Saskatchewan will, upon request, transfer administration and control of that portion of the Provincial Road to Canada to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve provided:
 - (i) there is an agreement outlining the compensation, if any, to be paid to Saskatchewan by the Band in respect of such portion of the Provincial Road;
 - (ii) where necessary, an arrangement has also been made (pursuant to applicable federal legislation where necessary) to ensure a continued right of public passage in respect of such Provincial Road.
- (c) Where an Undeveloped Road Allowance is bounded on both sides by Reserve and/or Entitlement Reserve Land, Saskatchewan shall, upon request and without compensation, transfer the administration and control of Undeveloped Road Allowances to Canada to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve on the following conditions:
 - (i) that if Saskatchewan requests the return of any such Undeveloped Road Allowance for use by the general public as a road, or for a transmission line, distribution line or similar facility on behalf of a Public Utility Company, the Undeveloped Road Allowance, or such interest in it as is necessary to enable Saskatchewan to fulfill any such purpose, shall be returned to Saskatchewan without compensation and the Band agrees that, upon Canada's request, it will promptly provide its consent;

- (ii) where a re-transfer of any Undeveloped Road Allowance referred to in subsection (c)(i) above cannot be complied with because Improvements have been placed on all or a portion of the Undeveloped Road Allowance, or are located immediately adjacent thereto, and the said Improvements cannot easily be relocated, the Band agrees that alternate Land suitable for the requirements of Saskatchewan shall be provided to Saskatchewan and that such alternate Land shall, with the Governor-In-Council's consent if required, be transferred to Saskatchewan without compensation and the Band agrees that, upon Canada's request, it will promptly provide its consent to the transfer;
- (iii) notwithstanding subsections (c)(i) and (ii) above, in the event the Undeveloped Road Allowance has been improved or developed as a road at the expense of Canada and/or the Band, the same shall only be transferred to Saskatchewan upon payment by Saskatchewan of fair market value compensation to Canada and/or the Band in respect of such improvements or developments;
- (iv) failing agreement between the parties, the determination as to:
 - (A) whether Improvements located on or immediately adjacent to an Undeveloped Road Allowance can be easily relocated; and/or
 - (B) the fair market compensation to be paid to Canada and/or the Band in respect of Improvements or developments respecting an Undeveloped Road Allowance;

the same shall be determined respectively, by the Arbitration Board and, failing agreement between the parties as to an independent appraiser, by an independent appraiser to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Arbitration Board in accordance with Article 19.

7.03 LAND CEASING TO BE A PROVINCIAL ROAD:

Where a Provincial Road which is used primarily to provide access to locations within an Entitlement Reserve ceases to be used as a Provincial Road, it shall be dealt with as an Undeveloped Road Allowance under this Article.

7.04 LAND NOT PART OF SHORTFALL ACRES OR EQUITY QUANTUM:

The Band agrees that the area of any Undeveloped Road Allowance or Provincial Road which has been transferred to Canada under this Article shall not be used in determining whether the Band has attained its Shortfall Acres or Equity Quantum for the purposes of this Agreement.

7.05 AGREEMENT AMONGST AFFECTED PARTIES:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, but subject to applicable law, Saskatchewan, the Band, Canada and the Rural Municipality, Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality in which a Provincial Road or Undeveloped Road Allowance is located may enter into any agreement concerning any particular Provincial Road or Undeveloped Road Allowance which meets the needs and objectives of all parties.

7.06 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS PURSUANT TO AMENDED COST SHARING AGREEMENT:

- (a) The parties agree that the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund was established by Canada and Saskatchewan for the purpose of paying tax loss compensation for the benefit of Rural Municipalities which experience a reduction of Taxable Land as the result of the creation of Entitlement Reserves. Each of the parties agrees that:
 - (i) the tax loss compensation payable by Saskatchewan and Canada to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund pursuant to the terms of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement and sections 12.01, 12.02, 12.03 and 12.11 of this Agreement is in full satisfaction of any tax loss which a Rural Municipality may experience as a result of the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve within the Rural Municipality and for the purpose of enabling and requiring Rural Municipalities to continue to maintain Provincial Roads and Road Allowances for which such Rural Municipalities are responsible located within, adjacent to or providing access to Entitlement Reserves at the ordinary standard established for other roads of the same classification within the Rural Municipality; and
 - (ii) payments by Canada and Saskatchewan to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund are not intended as compensation to a Rural Municipality for additional costs which may be incurred by such Rural Municipality as the result of substantial unanticipated increases relating to the capital funding or operational costs associated with the upgrading of Provincial Roads or Road Allowances within such Rural Municipality for which such Rural Municipality is responsible, whether in respect of Provincial Roads or Road Allowances within, adjacent to or providing access to Entitlement Reserves.

7.07 POST-RESERVE CREATION AGREEMENTS:

The Band agrees that where Saskatchewan requires additional Land or interests in Land for the purpose of constructing, maintaining or upgrading a Provincial Road or Provincial Highway for use by the general public which is located:

- (a) immediately adjacent to an Undeveloped Road Allowance in respect of which Saskatchewan has requested the return to its administration and control in accordance with this Article 7; or
- (b) within an Entitlement Reserve which is located adjacent to a Provincial Road or Provincial Highway which has not been transferred to Canada under an agreement contemplated by this Article 7;
- (c) within an Entitlement Reserve in the unsurveyed portion of the Province;

the Band agrees to give favourable consideration to making such Land, or interests in Land, available to Saskatchewan and, if the same is made available, to promptly provide the Band's consent in writing as may be required pursuant to applicable federal legislation to permit Canada to transfer the Land or any interest therein to Saskatchewan, subject to reversion where required, upon the payment of compensation at fair market value to be paid to Canada for the use and benefit of the Band.

7.08 NO EFFECT ON CERTAIN MATTERS:

- (a) Canada and the Band agree that where a Provincial Road is transferred and set apart as an Entitlement Reserve pursuant to section 7.02, regular program funding will be made available to the Band for the operation and maintenance of such Provincial Road.
- (b) Canada shall be under no obligation to set apart any Provincial Road as an Entitlement Reserve under this Article unless the Land, Minerals and Improvements are otherwise eligible to be set apart pursuant to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 8
THIRD PARTY INTERESTS**

8.01 ENTITLEMENT RESERVE UNENCUMBERED:

Subject to section 8.04, but otherwise notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Band agrees that all Entitlement Land to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve must be free and clear of all Third Party Interests or, alternatively, arrangements satisfactory to Canada, all affected Third Party Interest Holders and the Band for the surrender of such Third Party Interests and the subsequent recreation thereof under applicable federal legislation must have been agreed to in accordance with sections 8.03, 8.05 and 8.06.

8.02 THIRD PARTY INTERESTS TO BE REMOVED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE:

Prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, the Band agrees that appropriate legal arrangements for discharge of the following Third Party Interests must be made at the time of completion of the Purchase of Entitlement Land:

- (a) registered mortgages, debentures and other similar charges;
- (b) registered caveats evidencing:
 - (i) mortgage renewals;
 - (ii) mortgage amendments;
 - (iii) mortgage extensions;
 - (iv) equitable mortgages; or
 - (v) any other pledge or charge of any interest in or affecting such Entitlement Land;
- (c) registered writs of execution;
- (d) notices registered pursuant to *The Personal Property Security Act, 1993*, S.S. 1993, c. P-6.2;
- (e) all registered or registerable tax liens and outstanding taxes (including, without limitation, all liability for property or business taxes levied or capable of being levied as against the Entitlement Land up to and including the closing date of the transaction in respect thereof);
- (f) caveats evidencing agreements for sale of, or options in respect of, all or any portion of the Entitlement Land;

- (g) caveats evidencing homestead claims;
- (h) notations, registrations or instruments evidencing, or purporting to evidence, any trust or interest in the nature of a trust;
- (i) *Lis Pendens* or any notice thereof or any certificate of a registrar evidencing commencement of an action;
- (j) any enforceable claim for, or in the nature of, an order of foreclosure or similar proceeding;
- (k) registered builders liens, mechanics liens or any other similar statutory or common law liens or encumbrances;
- (l) registered maintenance orders and any other court orders; and,
- (m) any other instrument providing an underlying right to acquire title or any proprietary interest in Land.

8.03 THIRD PARTY INTERESTS TO BE DEALT WITH SUBSEQUENT TO PURCHASE - PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS:

The parties agree that in any case where Entitlement Land has been Purchased and is encumbered by a Public Utility Easement (whether registered or unregistered), the following shall apply:

- (a) the Band shall provide Canada with a Band Council Resolution consenting to Canada's execution and registration of all applicable Replacement Public Utility Easements as contemplated in subsection 11.03(1)(b)(ii);
- (b) a written notice that an unconditional Approval in Principle has been granted in respect of identified Land shall be delivered by the Department to FNMR in accordance with subsection 11.03(3)(b)(i);
- (c) within forty-five (45) days of receipt by FNMR of any such notice, Saskatchewan shall ensure that the Public Utility Companies direct to the attention of the Department of Justice, in trust, a registerable discharge of any registered Public Utility Easement held by such Public Utility Company together with duly executed Replacement Public Utility Easements in respect of all registered or unregistered Public Utility Easements;
- (d) upon receipt, Canada shall hold such documents in trust on condition that Canada shall execute any such Replacement Public Utility Easements and shall submit the same, together with the registerable discharge of any registered Public Utility Easement and the federal Order in Council setting the land apart as an Entitlement Reserve in accordance with subsection (e);

- (e) subject to the completion of the foregoing, Canada agrees to cause all such Replacement Public Utility Easements to be registered on its Indian land registry system and, where available, under the applicable provincial land registry system. Thereafter, Canada further agrees to provide any affected Public Utility Company with a true copy of such registration under the Indian land registry and a certified copy of any registration made pursuant to applicable provincial legislation. Registration in the provincial land registry system in respect of any Entitlement Reserve is not, nor shall it be construed, as any admission herein by Canada that use of such system by Canada is legally required, has the effect of making any such registration legally enforceable, or that such provincial land registry system is being utilized by Canada hereunder for any reason except for convenience;
- (f) the Replacement Public Utility Easement shall be recreated without further compensation being payable to the Band beyond that compensation, if any, which is actually payable to, and is received by, Canada from the Public Utility Company under the terms of the Replacement Public Utility Easement;
- (g) the Band further agrees that where, at some future time, a Public Utility Easement Company requires an interest in Entitlement Land for a Public Utility Easement, the Band will give favourable consideration to making such interests in Land available and, if the same is made available, to promptly provide the Band's consent in writing as may be required pursuant to applicable federal legislation to permit Canada to transfer the Land or any interest therein, subject to reversion where required, upon the payment of compensation at fair market value to be paid to Canada for the use and benefit of the Band;
- (h) Saskatchewan agrees that it is acting in the capacity of an agent for the Public Utility Companies for the purposes of this section; and
- (i) in the event that the documents referred to in subsection (d) are not utilized within a period of two (2) years from their receipt by the Department of Justice, the same shall, unless otherwise agreed, be returned to the relevant Public Utility Company.

8.04 THIRD PARTY INTERESTS AFTER SHORTFALL ACRES ATTAINED:

- (a) Notwithstanding section 8.01 hereof but subject to Article 9, in each case with the prior written direction and consent of the Band (such direction and consent to be evidenced by a Band Council Resolution), the Minister agrees to recommend to the Governor-In-Council that, from and after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, Entitlement Land be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve subject only to the following Third Party Interests:
 - (i) party wall agreements;
 - (ii) airport zoning regulations; and

- (iii) a lease (other than a Surface Lease, or a residential lease affecting Land located in an Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality unless the same is the subject of an agreement among the affected tenant, Canada and the Band) in respect of the use or occupation of Entitlement Land (or in respect of the use or occupation of any Improvement located upon all or any portion of the Entitlement Land), provided that Canada, acting reasonably, is satisfied that the remaining term of such lease (including any renewal thereof) is less than three (3) years from the date that Canada has taken title to the Entitlement Land.
- (b) The Band and Canada agree that, save and except for those Third Party Interests permitted in subsection 8.04(a) above, Entitlement Land which is subject to any Third Party Interest shall not be eligible to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve unless arrangements satisfactory to Canada, all affected Third Party Interest Holders and the Band for the absolute surrender of such Third Party Interests or the surrender and subsequent recreation thereof under applicable federal legislation have first been made.
- (c) Canada and the Band agree that where Entitlement Land is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve subject to a Third Party Interest referred to in subsection 8.04(a) above, all rights of the Third Party Interest Holder, as they existed prior to the setting apart of the Entitlement Land as an Entitlement Reserve, shall be preserved and the same shall be fully enforceable in respect of the affected Entitlement Land except where the Band, at its expense, negotiates with a Third Party Interest Holder a binding agreement to amend the terms and conditions of the Third Party Interest (or Canada does so at the Band's request and expense) in which case the Third Party Interest, as so amended, shall be fully enforceable as aforesaid.

8.05 SURRENDER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT:

In the event that a Third Party Interest (other than a Public Utility Easement) is to be surrendered prior to creation of an Entitlement Reserve, the parties agree that the surrender of the Third Party Interest shall be the subject of an agreement between the Band, Canada and the Third Party Interest Holder.

8.06 PRINCIPLES OF SURRENDER AGREEMENT:

- (a) Subject to subsection (b), the parties further agree that the following principles will be applicable to any agreement referred to in section 8.05:
 - (i) where the Third Party Interest is to be surrendered and not subsequently recreated under applicable federal legislation, the Third Party Interest Holder shall be compensated by the Band for the fair market value thereof;

- (ii) where the fair market value of the Third Party Interest cannot be agreed upon then, subject to agreement between the Band and the Third Party Interest Holder, the fair market value thereof shall be established by a jointly appointed independent appraiser;
 - (iii) where the Third Party Interest is to be surrendered and subsequently recreated under applicable federal legislation, Canada shall, with such consent of the Band as is required by law, recreate such Third Party Interest without further compensation to the Band beyond that compensation, if any, which is actually payable by and received from the Third Party Interest Holder under the terms of the Third Party Interest and Canada shall, where required under applicable federal legislation, authorize the creation of any replacement instrument in respect of the interest which is to be surrendered and recreated and obtain any necessary Band consent.
- (b) The Band, Canada, and the Third Party Interest Holder may enter into any agreement concerning the disposition, surrender or recreation of a Third Party Interest that meets the needs and objectives of all parties.

8.07 THE BAND'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Notwithstanding subsections 8.04(a) and (c) where an Entitlement Reserve is subject to a Third Party Interest which, at the request of the Band, Canada has permitted in accordance with subsection 8.04(a), the Band agrees to be responsible for and to indemnify and hold Canada harmless from and against any suit, action, cause of action, claim, demand, liability or damage which may arise or be incurred as the result of, in any way arising from, or in any way related to, the setting apart of Entitlement Land as an Entitlement Reserve or the subsequent administration by the Band, or by Canada, subject to such Third Party Interest. Provided, however, this indemnification shall not apply to the negligent actions of Canada or of any agent of Canada, nor shall the Band be liable in respect of damages arising from Canada's failure to register such Third Party Interest on the Indian land registry in the manner agreed upon by Canada and such Third Party Interest Holder, or in respect of any damages arising from Canada's failure to maintain and enforce the affected Third Party Interest in a manner agreed upon between Canada and such Third Party Interest Holder.

8.08 ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE BAND:

Notwithstanding subsections 8.04(a) and (c), where an Entitlement Reserve is subject to a Third Party Interest which, at the request of the Band, Canada has permitted in accordance with subsection 8.04(a), the Band agrees with Canada that Canada shall have no fiduciary obligation to the Band relative to the exercise of any power, discretionary or otherwise, associated with the administration of such Third Party Interest except to the extent of Canada's obligations which are directly attributable to its agreement with the Band and such Third Party Interest Holder to register such Third Party Interest on the Indian land registry in the manner agreed upon among Canada, the Band and such Third Party Interest Holder or damages arising directly from

Canada's failure to maintain and enforce the affected Third Party Interest in a manner agreed upon amongst Canada, the Band and such Third Party Interest Holder.

8.09 CANADA'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Where a Third Party Interest Holder has surrendered its interest pursuant to an agreement to which Canada is a party, and such agreement provides that the Third Party Interest will be recreated pursuant to applicable federal legislation subsequent to Entitlement Reserve creation, either in whole or in part, Canada shall be responsible for any failure to recreate such Third Party Interest in accordance with such agreement and shall be required to compensate the Band or Third Party Interest Holder for any damages which result directly from such failure to recreate the Third Party Interest under the agreement except in any case where the Band or the Third Party Interest Holder is at fault.

8.10 FUTURE APPLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE:

In the event that:

- (a) a court of competent jurisdiction, after all available appeals have been completed, hereafter determines that all or any portion of the requirements set forth in sections 8.01 to 8.06 of this Article are inapplicable or unnecessary for the purposes of fulfilling Canada's treaty obligations to the Band and maintaining the enforceability of Third Party Interests subsequent to Reserve creation; or
- (b) the parties agree in writing to waive or vary the application of any section of this Article; or
- (c) federal legislation is enacted which alters or removes the necessity for all or any portion of this Article;

then, to such extent, the provisions of such sections shall be deemed to no longer be of any force or effect.

**ARTICLE 9
URBAN RESERVES**

9.01 AGREEMENT REQUIRED WITH URBAN MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN MUNICIPALITY AND SCHOOL DIVISION:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, but subject to subsection 9.01(b) hereof, Lands and Improvements Purchased by the Band within the boundaries of an Urban Municipality, a Northern Municipality or within the Northern Administration District will not be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve until an agreement has been entered into between the Band, and the affected Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality and any affected school division operating within such Urban Municipality, Northern Municipality or the Northern Administration District (in this Article such school divisions are referred to as the "affected school division"), respecting the following matters:
 - (i) the provision of and payment for compensation to the Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality for loss of taxes, levies or grants-in-lieu, which, but for the setting apart of the Entitlement Reserve, could reasonably have been expected to have been received by the Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality for its own purposes by the substitution of one of the following or a combination thereof:
 - (A) a servicing agreement between the Band and the Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality, whereby the Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality would agree to provide municipal services in consideration for a fee to be paid by the Band;
 - (B) a one time lump sum payment, or periodic payments, or some other formula negotiated between the parties, provided, however, the amount of such compensation will not necessarily be equal to the amount of such taxes, levies or grants-in-lieu;
 - (ii) compensation for the affected school division for loss of taxes, levies or grants-in-lieu which, but for the setting apart of the Entitlement Reserve, could reasonably have been expected to have been received by the affected school division; provided, however, the amount of such compensation will not necessarily be equal to the amount of such taxes, levies or grants-in-lieu but may be based on a one time lump sum payment or periodic payments or some other formula negotiated between the parties. It is acknowledged by the parties that if the Band will not be receiving any direct service or benefit from the affected school division in consideration for such payment or has entered, or will enter, into a tuition agreement, the same shall be a factor in determining the amount of any such payment;

- (iii) to the extent reasonably necessary, compatible municipal and band bylaws and their application and enforcement; and
 - (iv) an appropriate dispute resolution mechanism for resolving matters of mutual concern.
- (b) The parties agree that:
- (i) in the event that the Band and any affected Urban Municipality, Northern Municipality or affected school division jointly elect not to enter into any agreement referred to in subsection 9.01(a) or enter into an agreement that covers some, but not all, of the matters referred to in subsection 9.01(a) then, to such extent, that subsection shall be inapplicable and, for greater certainty, the affected parties may enter into any agreement which meets the needs and objectives of the parties; and
 - (ii) in the event that any required agreement has not been entered into as between the Band and one or more of the other affected parties within five (5) months of any request by the Band to such other party to enter into such an agreement, Canada may, subject to clause (d), set apart such Entitlement Land as an Entitlement Reserve without such an agreement where the Band is prepared to enter into a reasonable and adequate agreement in respect of the reasonable concerns raised by the affected Urban Municipality, Northern Municipality or affected school division (relating to those matters referred to in subsection 9.01(a)), but the other party is unwilling to respond to the Band's request reasonably and in good faith.
- (c) In the event of a dispute involving the question of whether, in fact, a particular Urban Municipality, Northern Municipality or any affected school division is acting reasonably and in good faith, or whether the Band is proposing a reasonable and adequate agreement in respect of the concerns of the other party, any of Canada, Saskatchewan or the Band may refer the matter to the Arbitration Board and the affected Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality, and any affected school division shall, upon request, have standing before the Arbitration Board.
- (d) Where a dispute is referred to the Arbitration Board under subsection (c), Canada will not set apart an Entitlement Reserve under subparagraph (b)(ii) until the matter has been disposed of by the Arbitration Board.

9.02 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- (a) Canada and the Band agree that, with respect to the creation of urban Entitlement Reserves:

- (i) in addition to the provisions of this Article, Canada may require the Band to also comply with such provisions of the Additions to Reserves Policy as Canada, acting reasonably, deems necessary including, without limitation, the following:
 - (A) 10-1 subsections 2.3 and 2.4;
 - (B) 10-1 subsections 5.1A and 5.1A i and 10-1 Annex C subsections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 A and B (including contiguous and non-contiguous communities); and
 - (C) all of 10-1 6.
- (b) For greater certainty, subsection 10-1 Annex A 12.2 of the Additions to Reserves Policy shall be inapplicable, except to the extent that any proposal for Entitlement Reserve creation may require review by the Department's "Headquarters Additions to Reserve Committee" and the Department's Assistant Deputy Minister of Lands and Trust Services.

9.03 NO COMPENSATION PAYABLE:

The Band agrees with Canada and Saskatchewan that neither Saskatchewan nor Canada shall be required to compensate any Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality (or any affected School Division) or any other authority on whose behalf taxes are levied with respect to any loss of taxation revenues or grants-in-lieu of taxes experienced by such Urban Municipality, Northern Municipality or affected School Division except on Taxable Land and that any arrangement for compensation in respect to land that is not Taxable Land shall be the sole responsibility of the Band.

9.04 NO EFFECT ON TUITION AGREEMENTS:

The Band agrees with Canada and Saskatchewan that nothing in this Article, or Article 7 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement, affects any tuition agreements entered into between Canada or the Band and any School Division, including a school division in the Northern Administration District.

9.05 TERM OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS:

- (a) The provisions set forth in section 9.01 of this Article shall, unless otherwise agreed to in writing among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band, be in effect for a period of at least fifteen (15) years from the Execution Date.
- (b) The parties agree, at the time and as part of the process under subsection 9.05(b) of the Framework Agreement, to enter into good faith negotiations to determine what additional period of time, if any, the provisions of section 9.01 shall continue to be effective and what amendments, if any, are required thereto.
- (c) In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon an extension of the applicable time period or any required amendments on or before the expiration of the fifteen (15) year period referred to in subsection (a), the provisions of section 9.01 shall continue to be applicable thereafter for a further period of three (3) years, at which time, unless otherwise agreed among the parties, Canada's then current policy on Reserve creation shall thereafter be substituted as the procedure for Entitlement Reserve creation in Urban Municipalities and Northern Municipalities.

ARTICLE 10
RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL

10.01 COMING INTO FORCE:

The parties agree that prior to execution of this Agreement, the following must occur:

- (a) this Agreement and the Trust Agreement must be ratified by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Members of the Band eligible to vote, with such ratification vote to be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures attached as Schedule 3 to this Agreement;
- (b) the Trust Agreement required by this Agreement must be executed by all the parties thereto, a Trust Account must be opened, and all information required by Canada to make the payment must be provided to Canada, including a direction to pay in a form acceptable to Canada;
- (c) signing of this Settlement Agreement by the Minister on behalf of Canada has been authorized by the Governor in Council;
- (d) signing of this Settlement Agreement by the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations on behalf of Saskatchewan has been authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (e) funds for the payment of the Entitlement Monies have been approved for that purpose by Canada;
- (f) Canada must receive the Solicitor's Certificate from the First Nation's legal counsel, dated as of the date of signing of this Settlement Agreement by the First Nation, substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule 4, provided also that any deviation from said form is acceptable to both the Band and Canada;
- (g) Canada must receive the Financial Adviser's Certificate from the First Nation's financial adviser, dated as of the date of signing of this Settlement Agreement by the First Nation, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 5, provided also that any deviation from said form is acceptable to both the Band and Canada;
- (h) there must be delivery to Canada by the Band of that information provided for in Section 10.02.

10.02 UNDERTAKING RESPECTING CERTAIN INFORMATION:

- (a) The Band agrees to provide Canada with information concerning the methods that were utilized by the Band, prior to ratification of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement, to inform eligible voters of the content and effect thereof (including the Replacement Public Utility Easement Agreements);

- (b) Without limiting the generality of subsection (a), the Band agrees to advise Canada in writing as to:
- (i) the structure, timing and location of and the agenda for all Band information sessions and a copy of any written material provided at the information sessions;
 - (ii) the number of eligible voters in attendance at such sessions;
 - (iii) the names and professional qualifications of those legal, financial and other advisors present thereat, to assist the Band in its efforts to inform eligible voters as aforesaid; and
 - (iv) copies of any materials mailed by the Band to eligible voters in conjunction with the information sessions.

10.03 INDEPENDENT ADVICE:

The Band hereby represents and warrants to Canada that it has retained independent legal counsel and has received independent legal advice during negotiations up to and including the execution of this Agreement and that reasonable steps have been taken by the Band to locate and fully inform members of the Band of the nature and effect of this Agreement, the Trust Agreement, and related documents, and to obtain appropriate financial advice in respect of the establishment and operation of the Trust Account. The Band also represents and warrants that it has considered the relative merits of an external Trust as opposed to utilizing the Consolidated Revenue Fund administered by Canada and has obtained appropriate financial and legal advice in this regard. The Band further represents and warrants Canada has not reviewed or advised the Band with respect to the structure, terms, management or operation of the Trust or Trust Agreement, or any other matter related thereto, and the Band is not relying upon any advice other than advice of its own legal and financial advisors both in this regard and with regard to all other matters related to the settlement of the Treaty Land Entitlement claim of the Band, including the negotiation, preparation, execution, and/or delivery of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement, including the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents.

**ARTICLE 11
PROCEDURES FOR RESERVE CREATION**

11.01 SHORTFALL ACRES TO BE ACQUIRED:

The Band agrees (and acknowledges that Canada is specifically relying upon such agreement) that the Band shall use its best efforts to reach its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date on or before the twelfth (12th) anniversary of the Execution Date by having:

- (a) Purchased Entitlement Land (including all Minerals and Improvements in respect thereof) with a surface area at least equivalent to the Band's Shortfall Acres;
- (b) caused such Entitlement Land to be eligible to be granted Entitlement Reserve status pursuant to this Agreement; and
- (c) delivered to Canada all necessary transfers, discharges and other instruments (in registerable form) required by Canada in order to permit Canada to take unencumbered title to such Entitlement Land in accordance herewith.

11.02 LANDS ELIGIBLE FOR RESERVE STATUS:

Canada agrees that the Minister will recommend that Entitlement Land up to, but not exceeding, the Band's Equity Quantum shall be set apart as Entitlement Reserve, subject to the following:

- (a) the acquisition of the Entitlement Land has been approved by the Chief and Council of the Band;
- (b) wherever applicable there has been full compliance with this Agreement;
- (c) title to all Entitlement Land is in form and in substance satisfactory to Canada;
- (d) the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation have been complied with and, in any case where Article 9 is applicable, such additional requirements of Article 9 as are applicable have also been complied with;
- (e) the Land, Minerals and Improvements have been determined to be environmentally suitable to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve after the completion of an Environmental Screening or, where applicable, an Environmental Review, in accordance with the process set out in the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation; and
- (f) save and except for those Environmental Screening and outer boundary survey costs to be paid by Canada pursuant to section 11.07, the Band has made all required payments in respect of the relevant Entitlement Land including, where applicable:

- (i) the purchase Price for the acquisition of the Entitlement Land (including any Improvements and Minerals in respect thereof);
- (ii) Acquisition Costs;
- (iii) the satisfaction or accommodation of all Occupants of Crown Land;
- (iv) the satisfaction or accommodation of all Interests in a Mineral Disposition and Third Party Interests; and
- (v) the costs of conducting feasibility studies, appraisals and Environmental Reviews (excluding the costs associated with Environmental Screening).

11.03 PRE-ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Prior to the acquisition of Entitlement Land, the Council, acting through the Trustees, shall:
 - (a) obtain appropriate and correct legal searches of title respecting the Land, Minerals and Improvements, all Third Party Interests, and the ownership of Minerals and Mineral Dispositions relating thereto;
 - (b) notify the Department, by Band Council Resolution ("BCR"), that the searches under subparagraph (a) above have been completed and cause to be delivered complete copies of all search results and other documentation in accordance with Stage 1 of Schedule 6. The BCR shall clearly indicate, following enquiries with the owner of such Land, Minerals or Improvements (including in the case of Crown Land, Minerals or Improvements those enquiries contemplated in Articles 4 and 5) that:
 - (i) the Land (including, where required, all Minerals and Improvements) is available for Purchase; and
 - (ii) the Band consents to the execution and registration by Canada of all applicable Replacement Public Utility Easements which may affect the subject property pursuant to section 8.03; and
 - (iii) the Band intends to Purchase the same and thereafter transfer title to all, or any clearly identified portion, of the Entitlement Land to Canada; or
 - (iv) the Band intends to have Canada assist the Band by agreeing to accept the direct transfer of such Land, Minerals or Improvements from the current owner to Canada.
- (2) Upon Canada receiving the BCR and other documentation referred to in subsection (1) above, the following shall (unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties) take place:

- (a) the Department shall, as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within fourteen (14) days, of receipt thereof from the Band, cause the BCR to be registered by its Saskatchewan Regional Office on a central registry system. The Department and FNMR shall co-operate to promptly determine whether the legal descriptions and related searches are sufficient for FNMR to proceed or whether, in addition, a treaty land entitlement selection map is also required by FNMR;
- (b) the Saskatchewan Regional Office shall, as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within fourteen (14) days if no selection map is required by FNMR (or within thirty (30) days in the event a selection map is required), forward a copy of the BCR and any accompanying documents to FNMR requesting:
 - (i) information respecting the existence and location of any registered or unregistered Public Utility Easements;
 - (ii) Saskatchewan's best available information respecting the existence and location of any Waterbody affecting the identified Land (other than a wholly enclosed Waterbody referred to in section 6.01); and
 - (iii) any other information required in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation (including provincial considerations in respect of the proposed Entitlement Reserve);

and such information shall be delivered by FNMR to the Department as soon as reasonably possible but, in any event:

- (iv) within forty-five (45) days in the event that the identified Lands, Minerals or Improvements are provincial Crown assets which Saskatchewan has agreed to sell pursuant to section 4.05 or section 5.03; or
 - (v) within ninety (90) days in respect of any other property;
- (c) if the information provided by Saskatchewan in subparagraph (b) identifies the existence and location of any Waterbody affecting the Land which is not wholly enclosed therein (and in respect of which Saskatchewan has not agreed to transfer the related beds and shores), Saskatchewan agrees as soon as reasonably possible and at its expense to supply to the Band and to Canada a correct and registerable legal description (only in respect of any land which is, at that time, surveyed land administered under *The Land Titles Act*, R.S.S. 1978, L-5) for such Waterbody and any available information with respect to the acreage of each such identified Waterbody.
- (3) Upon completion of the requirements set forth in subsections (1) and (2) above, the parties agree that the following will take place:
 - (a) upon the finalization of the submission pursuant to Schedule 6 (including, where required, any approval by BCR) and its delivery by the Department to both the

Regional Additions to Reserves Committee and the Department of Justice, Canada, through the Department's Regional Director General ("R.D.G."), the R.D.G. shall (unless otherwise agreed between the Department and the Band) notify the Band in writing, in accordance with the time frames set forth in Schedule 6, that:

- (i) the Entitlement Land has been unconditionally recommended by the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee to the R.D.G. for Approval in Principle and the R.D.G. has granted an unconditional Approval in Principle for Entitlement Reserve status; or
 - (ii) a conditional Approval in Principle has been recommended by the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee and a conditional Approval in Principle has been granted by the R.D.G. clearly listing the conditions which remain to be met before an unconditional Approval in Principle will be granted; or
 - (iii) the proposed Entitlement Land has been rejected for Entitlement Reserve status by either the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee or the R.D.G., and the reasons for such rejection have been clearly identified in writing to the Band by the Department; or
 - (iv) in the event of a rejection of a submission by the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee or the R.D.G., the Band, acting reasonably, may request in writing that the R.D.G. and any appropriate officials of the Department (including, where necessary, the members of the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee) agree to meet with the appropriate officials of the Band to further clarify or explain the basis for the rejection, and compliance with such request shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) where a conditional Approval in Principle is granted by the R.D.G., the Department shall use its best efforts to advise FNMR thereof and to identify in writing the affected Land, Minerals and Improvements. Upon unconditional Approval in Principle being granted by the R.D.G. (or all necessary conditions relating to a conditional Approval in Principle having been fulfilled), the following shall take place:
- (i) the Department shall notify FNMR that an unconditional Approval in Principle has been granted and identify in writing the affected Lands, Minerals and/or Improvements;
 - (ii) if the affected Land has been determined to be subject to any registered or unregistered Public Utility Easement, Saskatchewan agrees that it will, at no cost to the Band, cause to be provided to Canada a Replacement Public Utility Easement respecting all unregistered or registered Public Utility Easements together with any applicable registerable discharges in accordance with section 8.03 and Canada shall, at no cost to the Band or

to the Public Utility Companies, cause any registered Public Utility Easements to be discharged and all Replacement Public Utility Easements to be registered in accordance with section 8.03;

- (iii) the Band may, if they have not already done so, promptly proceed (unless otherwise agreed with Canada) to Purchase the Entitlement Land with fifteen (15) months of the Approval in Principle, (failing which the same shall at Canada's option, be null and void) and following such Purchase Canada shall accept such transfer of title in accordance with this Agreement;
 - (iv) following Purchase of the Entitlement Land and following transfer of title to Canada (acceptance of which transfer of title shall be conditional upon compliance of the property with the terms hereof and that no additional and unresolved Third Party Interests or Mineral Dispositions having arisen subsequent to the Approval in Principle), Canada shall, at its cost, as soon as reasonably possible subject to prevailing weather conditions, carry out any required outer boundary surveys; and
 - (v) once such surveys are complete or once an acceptable and registerable legal description has been obtained, the Minister shall recommend to the Governor-in-Council that such Entitlement Land be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, and, when required, Canada will further cause to be prepared by the Department the necessary submission to the Governor in Council to give effect to such recommendation and shall, in any event notify Saskatchewan within thirty (30) days of the date that such Entitlement Land was set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
- (4) If Canada or Saskatchewan fail to comply in any material way with the time frames contained herein, then Canada or Saskatchewan (except to the extent any delay has been caused by the failure of the Band to promptly and accurately comply in any material way with its obligations pursuant to this Agreement or the Trust Agreement) shall provide compensation to the Band or the Trustees for all direct costs or losses suffered by the Band as the result of any such failure by Canada or Saskatchewan to comply with the terms of this Article for which they are responsible.

11.04 MINISTERIAL DISCRETION:

- (a) The parties agree that, subject to compliance by the Band and its Trustees with the provisions of this Agreement (and in particular sections 4.01 to 4.04, inclusive, and sections 5.01 and 8.02 hereof), Entitlement Land may at any time be Purchased from a third party without the prior consent or involvement in any way of Canada or Saskatchewan. Approval for the transfer of title to Canada shall, however, be subject to the terms of this Agreement and, in particular and, without limitation, this Article and Schedule 6.

- (b) In the event Entitlement Land has not been Purchased by the Band or its Trustees in strict compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and, in particular, Schedule 6 and sections 11.02 and 11.03 hereof, the Minister may, in any event, in the Minister's sole and unfettered discretion, recommend to the Governor-in-Council that the Entitlement Land be accepted in the name of Canada and be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, it is hereby expressly acknowledged and agreed by the Band that Canada shall have no obligation whatsoever to accept any Entitlement Land (including an assignment of the Purchaser's interest under an Agreement to Purchase) that has not been acquired in strict compliance with the provisions of this Agreement or to exercise an option to purchase such Land or acquire title to such Land, and the Minister shall, in any such case, be under no obligation whatsoever to make such recommendation or request to have such Entitlement Land set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
- (d) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any loss occasioned by the Band or the Trustees as the direct or indirect result of any failure to acquire Entitlement Land in strict compliance herewith shall be borne exclusively by the Band and/or the Trustees.

11.05 COMPENSATION PAID BY CANADA:

- (a) In the event the Band has:
 - (i) Purchased Entitlement Land, the title to which has been accepted by and transferred to Canada; and
 - (ii) the same is eligible to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;and such Entitlement Land is not set apart by the Governor-in-Council notwithstanding recommendation by the Minister to do so, then the provisions of subsections (b) or (c) and the provisions of subsections (d), (e) and (f), shall, unless otherwise agreed between Canada and the Band, apply;
- (b) Prior to the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, if the consent of the Governor-In-Council is denied:
 - (i) the Band shall forthwith confirm to Canada by means of a Band Council Resolution that none of the Band, its Members or Trustees wish to retain any interest whatsoever (whether legal, beneficial or otherwise) in respect of the Entitlement Land in question;
 - (ii) upon receipt of such notification Canada agrees, within one hundred and twenty (120) days, to reimburse the Band and its Trustees for all

reasonable Acquisition Costs incurred and paid by the Band or its Trustees in respect of the Purchase of the said Entitlement Land;

- (iii) Canada further agrees, within one hundred and twenty (120) days to promptly reimburse the Band for the purchase price of the affected Entitlement Land paid by the Band or its Trustees; and
 - (iv) all amounts paid by Canada pursuant to subsections (ii) and (iii) above shall be deposited to the Band's Trust Account and shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, or the Trust Agreement, be thereafter dealt with in the same manner as any other funds administered by the Trustees on behalf of the Band prior to the Band's Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date until the Band has actually achieved its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date;
- (c) If the consent of the Governor-In-Council is denied after the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date, the Band shall, for a period of six (6) months following receipt by the Band of written notification from Canada that the Entitlement Land in question shall, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Minister, not be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, have the option to either:
- (i) have Canada, after receipt of a notification from the Band of the type contemplated in subsection (b)(i), prior to the expiration of the six (6) month period aforesaid, reimburse the Band for those amounts referred to in subsections (b)(ii) and (iii), and to pay such amounts to the Band's Trust Account within the time frames referred to therein; or
 - (ii) have the Entitlement Land re-transferred, at Canada's cost, to the Band, without any further compensation payable by Canada to the Band in any respect;
- and in the event that the Band fails to elect to exercise its rights under subsection (c)(i) within six (6) months, the Band shall be deemed to have elected to retain the property and, subject only to a re-transfer thereof from Canada, shall not be entitled to any further compensation whatsoever.
- (d) For greater certainty, in the event that Canada has been required to reimburse the Band for the Acquisition Costs and the purchase price in respect of Entitlement Land in the manner contemplated by subsections (b) or (c), the Band agrees that Canada shall be entitled to deal with the Entitlement Land in any manner whatsoever, including the right to dispose of the same and to retain the proceeds of any sale thereof, without any claim, legal or beneficial interest of the Band, its Trustees or Members being applicable in any manner whatsoever thereto.
 - (e) In the event of a dispute between Canada and the Band respecting the amount of reasonable Acquisition Costs, or the purchase price incurred and paid by the Band

or its Trustees to Purchase the affected Entitlement Land, the same shall be referred, at the option of either party, to the Arbitration Board.

- (f) In the event of a reimbursement under this section, Canada agrees to pay the Band, at the time of reimbursement, an amount equivalent to the interest accrued on such reasonable Acquisition Costs and the purchase price, calculated at the Interest Rate, from the date Canada has received title to the affected Entitlement Land.

11.06 ADDITIONAL RESERVES:

If Land in excess of the Band's Equity Quantum is Purchased, such Land may be set apart as a Reserve at the sole discretion of Canada under its Additions to Reserves Policy as amended from time to time.

11.07 CANADA COSTS:

Canada agrees, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement with respect to costs, to be responsible for the payment of outer boundary survey costs when required for the establishment of Entitlement Reserves, and reasonable costs associated with any Environmental Screening in accordance with Steps 1 - 3 of Stage 2 of Schedule 6.

11.08 PAYMENT OF TAXES:

- (a) The Band agrees that the Trustees shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes lawfully levied against Lands, Minerals and Improvements or the occupants thereof Purchased pursuant to this Agreement from the date of Purchase by the Trustees until the date that the same are transferred to Canada.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c), the Band agrees to pay all taxes lawfully levied against Entitlement Land or the occupants thereof (or grants-in-lieu of such taxes from the date the Entitlement Lands are transferred to Canada) until the date the same is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
- (c) In the event that the creation of an Entitlement Reserve does not occur within seventy-five (75) days of the latter of the following dates:
 - (i) the date that the Entitlement Land is eligible to be transferred hereunder for creation as an Entitlement Reserve;
 - (ii) the date that the Band has requested in writing that such Entitlement Land be transferred to and accepted by Canada; and
 - (iii) the date of receipt by Canada of all registerable documents, in registerable form, necessary to effect the transfer of title to the Entitlement Land to Canada in the form required hereby (including all necessary discharges,

replacement instruments, provincial Orders in Council, and all other associated interests in respect thereof);

Canada agrees to pay to the Trustees an amount equivalent to the taxes levied against the said Entitlement Land which the Trustees have paid and which relate to any period following such seventy-five (75) day period.

11.09 TRANSFER BY SASKATCHEWAN OF RESIDUAL INTERESTS:

Saskatchewan agrees to transfer to Canada, without compensation, in respect of all Entitlement Land which Canada sets apart as an Entitlement Reserve pursuant to this Agreement, the administration and control of all residual interests therein held by the Crown in right of Saskatchewan including, without limitation:

- (a) all right, title and interest in respect of such Entitlement Land vested in Saskatchewan;
- (b) any right and reservation in respect of such Entitlement Land vested in Saskatchewan by virtue of any statute of the Province of Saskatchewan;

and Saskatchewan shall not retain any reservation, express or implied, whether such Entitlement Land was Purchased from Saskatchewan or any Person, and such transfer is to be effective upon creation of the Entitlement Reserve.

11.10 POST RESERVE UNDERTAKING:

In the event Entitlement Land is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve adjacent to an Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality, the Band agrees to give favourable consideration to establishing compatible zoning by-laws consistent with those in place, from time to time, in any adjoining portion of the Urban Municipality or Northern Municipality.

11.11 PROCESS REVIEW

The parties to this Agreement agree that a review will take place within three (3) years from the Execution Date to determine if the provisions in sections 11.02 to 11.04, inclusive, and Schedule 6 require adjustment or amendment and, where agreed upon, such required changes shall be made, and such adjustments as are subsequently agreed upon shall thereafter be made from time to time with the agreement in writing of the affected parties.

11.12 TERM OF ENTITLEMENT RESERVE CREATION PROCEDURES:

- (a) The procedures set forth in Schedule 6 and in sections 11.02 to 11.04 inclusive (in this section the "Entitlement Reserve Creation Procedures") shall, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band, be in effect for a period of at least fifteen (15) years from the Execution Date.

- (b) The parties agree to enter into good faith negotiations at the time and as part of the negotiations under subsection 11.12(b) of the Framework Agreement to determine what additional period of time, if any, the Entitlement Reserve Creation Procedures shall continue to be effective and what amendments, if any, are required thereto.
- (c) In the event that the parties are unable to agree in writing upon an extension of the applicable time period or any required amendments on or before the expiration of the fifteen (15) year period referred to in subsection (a), the Entitlement Reserve Creation Procedures shall continue to be applicable thereafter for a further period of three (3) years, at which time, unless otherwise agreed in writing amongst the parties, Canada's then current policy on Reserve creation shall thereafter be substituted as the procedure for Entitlement Reserve creation.

**11.13 NEGOTIATION, ACQUISITION AND RATIFICATION COST
COMPENSATION:**

- (a) Canada shall pay to the Band an additional sum of \$520,501.00 for:
 - (i) expenditures and disbursements incurred in negotiating a settlement of the Band's Treaty land entitlement; and
 - (ii) ratification costs.
- (b) Canada shall pay to the Band an additional sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of assisting the Band with acquisition costs within thirty (30) days of the Execution Date;
- (c) The Band directs Canada to withhold from such additional amount the sums advanced or loaned to the Band by Canada under the Research and Negotiations Funding Unit which sums total \$520,501.00 and payment of such amount shall represent the repayment in full of all such advances.

**ARTICLE 12
TAX LOSS COMPENSATION**

12.01 CANADA'S COMPENSATION - RURAL MUNICIPALITIES:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree that, within ninety (90) days of the date upon which Taxable Land which had been situated within a Rural Municipality is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve for the Band, Canada shall pay to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund seventy (70%) percent of a sum that is equivalent to ninety (90%) percent of twenty-five (25) times the Municipal Taxes which had been levied in respect of such Taxable Land in the calendar year immediately prior to the said date.

12.02 SASKATCHEWAN'S COMPENSATION - RURAL MUNICIPALITIES:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree that, within ninety (90) days of the date upon which Taxable Land which had been situated within a Rural Municipality is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve for the Band, Saskatchewan shall pay to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund thirty (30%) percent of a sum that is equivalent to ninety (90%) percent of twenty-five (25) times the Municipal Taxes which had been levied in respect of such Taxable Land in the calendar year immediately prior to the said date.

12.03 PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO AMENDED COST SHARING AGREEMENT:

Subject to Section 12.11, Canada and Saskatchewan agree that the amounts payable to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund pursuant to section 12.01 and section 12.02, shall be included within the expenditure limitation set forth pursuant to section 6.2 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement.

12.04 CANADA'S COMPENSATION - SCHOOL DIVISIONS:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree that, within ninety (90) days of the date upon which Taxable Land which had been situated within a Rural Municipality is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, Canada shall pay to the School Division Compensation Fund seventy (70%) percent of a sum that is equivalent to seventy (70%) percent of twenty-five (25) times the School Taxes which had been levied in respect of such Taxable Land in the calendar year immediately prior to the said date.

12.05 SASKATCHEWAN COMPENSATION - SCHOOL DIVISIONS:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree that, within ninety (90) days of the date upon which Taxable Land which had been situated within a Rural Municipality is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, Saskatchewan shall pay to the School Division Compensation Fund thirty (30%) percent of a sum that is equivalent to seventy (70%) percent of twenty-five (25) times the School Taxes which had been levied in respect of such Taxable Land in the calendar year immediately prior to the said date.

12.06 PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS:

Subject to Section 12.11, Canada and Saskatchewan agree that the amounts payable to the School Division Compensation Fund pursuant to section 12.04 and section 12.05, respectively, shall be included within the expenditure limitations set forth pursuant to section 7.2 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement.

12.07 INTEREST ON ARREARS:

Arrears of any sums payable by Saskatchewan or Canada to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund or the School Division Compensation Fund shall bear interest at the Interest Rate.

12.08 NO EFFECT ON TUITION AGREEMENTS:

The parties agree that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to affect tuition agreements entered into or to be entered into between Canada, the Band or any School Division, including any school division in the Northern Administration District.

12.09 NOTICE RESPECTING TRANSFER OF TAXABLE LAND:

- (a) Canada shall use its best efforts to give Saskatchewan appropriate prior notice of the date upon which it is intended that any Taxable Land is to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
- (b) Saskatchewan shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities ("SARM") receives appropriate prior notice in respect of the proposed creation of an Entitlement Reserve following receipt of notice to such effect from Canada as aforesaid, and that SARM determines, on or before the date such Taxable Land is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, the Municipal Taxes and School Taxes which had been levied in respect of such Taxable Land in the calendar year immediately prior to the said date.
- (c) In the event of any dispute as to the appropriate amount of tax loss compensation payable to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund or the School Division Compensation Fund, the same shall be the subject of Arbitration pursuant to Article 19 and SARM shall have standing before the Arbitration Board.

12.10 NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAYABLE BY THE BAND:

It is hereby agreed by Saskatchewan that no compensation shall be payable by the Band to any Rural Municipality or School Division to compensate any such Rural Municipality or School Division for the loss of Municipal Taxes or School Taxes, on Taxable Land respectively, in respect of either the Purchase of Entitlement Land or the setting apart by Canada of such Entitlement Land as an Entitlement Reserve.

12.11 MAXIMUM AMOUNTS:

In accordance with section 17.03 of the Framework Agreement and section 9.10 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement, Canada and Saskatchewan agree that the maximum amounts referred to in sections 6.2 and 7.2 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement, shall, as a result of this Agreement, be increased by \$1,250,000.00 for the Rural Municipalities Compensation Fund and \$1,250,000.00 for the School Divisions Compensation Fund, and in the event that the maximum amounts referred to in those sections are insufficient to pay tax loss compensation to Rural Municipalities or School Divisions on account of Taxable Land which had been situated within a Rural Municipality and which is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve pursuant to, collectively, this Agreement, the Framework Agreement, and any other Treaty land entitlement settlement agreement based on the principles of the Framework Agreement which was entered into between Canada, Saskatchewan and an Indian band subsequent to the Framework Agreement and prior to the Execution Date hereof, and it is agreed that such maximum amounts, to the extent payable, shall, subject to section 20.23, be apportioned between Canada and Saskatchewan in accordance with the cost-sharing ratio set out in section 2.1 of the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 TAXATION

13.01 TAXATION OF TRUST PROPERTY:

Canada and Saskatchewan acknowledge that the Entitlement Monies placed into the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund and as may be subsequently paid to the Band and deposited into its Trust Account, are monies given to the Band under this Agreement in fulfillment of Canada's Treaty land entitlement obligations in respect of the Band.

13.02 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX REMISSION:

- (a) Canada agrees to obtain on behalf of the Band a remission order respecting the tax otherwise payable pursuant to Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-15 ("Goods and Services Tax"), as the same relates to the purchase price incurred in acquiring Entitlement Lands, Minerals or Improvements up to, but not exceeding, the Band's Equity Quantum.
- (b) Canada further agrees that, pursuant to the Technical Information Bulletin issued by the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, regarding the Goods and Services Tax ("GST") Administrative Policy applicable to Indians (known as B-039R dated November 23, 1993) Acquisition Costs such as accounting, legal, consulting, appraisal and other related costs associated with the acquisition of real property by the Band are relieved of the GST and shall be exempt for purposes of this Agreement.

13.03 TAXATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES:

Canada and the Band agree that, pursuant to the terms of the Replacement Public Utility Easements, no Public Utility Company shall be required to pay any taxes, duties, tolls, imposts or levies of any kind or nature howsoever charged, imposed or assessed by Canada, the Band or any federal authority in respect of the distribution lines, transmission lines or other works installed upon Entitlement Reserve land, save and except:

- (a) such existing taxes, duties, tolls, imposts or levies, if any, including any future increases related thereto, which are, as at the Execution Date, lawfully charged, imposed or assessed by Canada or any federal authority; and
- (b) any other taxes, duties, tolls, imposts or levies of general application, if any, which are hereafter lawfully charged, imposed or assessed by Canada, the Band or any federal authority, both on and off Reserve lands, and which the Public Utility Companies would otherwise be required to pay.

ARTICLE 14
EXISTING AND FUTURE PROGRAMS

14.01 PROGRAMS UNAFFECTED:

Canada agrees with the Band that federal programs and services shall continue to apply to the Band on the same basis as to other Indian bands in Canada, in accordance with the criteria established from time to time for the application of program funding.

14.02 EXISTING PROGRAMS:

- (a) The Band agrees with Canada that the execution of this Agreement shall not entitle the Band to any funding per capita in addition to the existing program funding from the Department for the development of infrastructure or capital expenditure for any improvement to Reserve and/or Entitlement Reserve Lands, provided that the Band shall be entitled to apply on a per capita basis for existing or any future program funds.
- (b) The Band agrees with Canada that any application for additional program funding for the development of infrastructure or capital expenditure shall be made separate and apart from any submission for Entitlement Reserve creation.
- (c) The parties agree that nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall it be construed in any way, to represent the payment or allocation to the Band by Canada or Saskatchewan of any existing or future program funding otherwise available to the Band.

14.03 NO EFFECT ON CERTAIN MATTERS:

Pursuant to An Act to Amend the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. 32 (1st Supp.), provision was made for certain individuals to apply for registration as Indians. In respect of any such individuals who were entitled to be registered Indians pursuant to the Act as of January 26, 2005 but were not registered as of September 29, 2005, the terms and conditions of this Agreement (and in particular Article 15) shall not apply. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to be an admission, confirmation or denial by Canada of any rights or obligations in respect of such individuals or the Band, that any of such individuals who are not included as Members of the Band are entitled to any Band membership rights, or any existing or future Band funding or programs.

ARTICLE 15
BAND RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND FINALITY

15.01 RELEASE OF CANADA BY THE BAND:

Subject to the provisions of section 15.06 and 15.08, the Band agrees, for and on behalf of each Member of the Band, that the Band does hereby:

- (a) cede, relinquish and abandon unto Canada and forever discharge and release Canada, and any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns from all claims, rights, title and interest of the Band under Treaty relating to land entitlement, and all obligations imposed on, and all promises, undertakings or representations made by Canada or any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns under or relating to Treaty land entitlement to the Band, or its predecessors in title, and shall further waive any right, action or cause of action, claim, demand, damage, cost, expense, liability and entitlement of whatever nature and kind, whether known or unknown, which the Band or any of its Members, whether past, present or future (including their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns) ever had, now have, or may hereafter have against Canada or any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns by reason of, or in any way arising out of, such Treaty land entitlement;

- (b) forever discharge and release Canada, and any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any action or cause of action, claim, demand, damage, cost, expense, liability and entitlement of whatever nature and kind, whether known or unknown, which the Band or any of its Members, whether past, present or future (including their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns) ever had, now have, or may hereafter have against Canada or any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns by reason of, or in any way arising with respect to, related to or arising out of the deposit of Entitlement Monies into the Trust Account and, once Entitlement Monies are paid and deposited into the Trust Account, this discharge and release shall include any action or cause of action, claim, demand, damage, cost, expense, liability and entitlement of whatever nature and kind, whether known or unknown, which the Band or any of its Members, whether past, present or future (including their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns) ever had, now have, or may hereafter have related to to or arising out of the administration or management of the Entitlement Monies, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, in respect of their safe custody, investment, management, preservation of capital or interest, or for the rate of return obtain thereon, or for any loss of the said funds, in whole or in part, whether through investment or failure of an Institution, or the actions of the Trustees, or otherwise.

- (c) agree, wherever applicable, to forthwith abandon and formally discontinue any legal proceeding commenced against Canada or Saskatchewan and not to assert any cause of action, action for declaration, Claim, or demand of whatsoever kind or nature which the Band or any of its members, whether past, present or future (including their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns) ever had, now have or may hereafter have against Canada or Saskatchewan relating to or arising from any Treaty land entitlement and in particular agree, in respect of any action or claim for outstanding Treaty land entitlement, to forthwith file a Notice of Discontinuance in respect of any legal proceeding taken by the Band or any Member thereof for relief, annexing thereto a copy of this Agreement as minutes of settlement of the action; and
- (d) notwithstanding subsections (a),(b) and (c) above, but for greater certainty, nothing herein is intended nor shall it be construed as affecting any right (including any Treaty right), action or claim of the Band (other than in respect of outstanding Treaty land entitlement) including any right, claim or action in respect of any improper surrender, alienation, or other disposition by Canada of Reserve lands, claims relating to traditional Indian lands (unrelated to outstanding Treaty land entitlement) or any other right, action or claim (unrelated to outstanding Treaty land entitlement) which may now exist or hereafter arise. Provided, however, nothing in this section shall be interpreted as any admission or denial by Canada respecting the validity of any such actions or claims.

15.02 BAND INDEMNITY:

Subject to the provisions of section 15.06, the Band agrees that the Band shall:

- (a) indemnify and forever save harmless Canada and any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns from, and agrees to be responsible for, any and all manner of suits, actions, causes of action, claims or demands taken or initiated against the same, and all damages, costs, expenses or liabilities incurred by Canada or any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns, whether by settlement or as a result of a decision of a court, and whether now known or unknown, related to or arising out of or in respect of its Treaty land entitlement which any entity or person, including Members of the Band or any of the Band's past, present or future Members, and all of those persons eligible to participate in this settlement or any of their respective heirs, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or may hereafter have against Canada any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns in such respect, and, subject to section 14.03 of this Agreement, any present or future claim, liability or demand based, in whole or in part, on membership (or the lack of recognition thereof by the Band) in the Band; and

- (b) indemnify and forever save harmless Canada and any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns from and against any and all obligation, liability, duty, loss or damage resulting directly or indirectly from any action, cause of action, suit claim or demand whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and whether in law, in equity or otherwise, related to or arising out of, or in respect of the deposit of the Entitlement Monies to the Band's Trust Account, the subsequent administration, management and disbursement of the Entitlement Monies, or any loss therefrom, whether caused by the First Nation or by its trustees or other representatives, which any entity or person, including Members of the Band or any of the Band's past, present or future Members, and all of those persons eligible to participate in this settlement, any of their respective heirs, successors or assigns, ever had, now have or may hereafter have against Canada and, subject to section 14.03 of this Agreement, including any present or future claim, liability or demand based, in whole or in part, on membership (or the lack of recognition thereof by the Band) in the Band, and, with respect to the same matters, to be responsible for any and all manner of suits, actions, causes of action, claims or demands taken or initiated against Canada, and all damages, costs, expenses or liabilities incurred by Canada or any of its Ministers, officials, servants, employees, agents, successors and assigns, whether by settlement or as a result of a decision of a court, whether now known or unknown

15.03 INDEMNITY PROCEDURES:

- (a) Canada shall use all reasonable efforts to notify the Band of a claim or possible claim for indemnification hereunder within a reasonable time following the date that facts, events or circumstances exist and are known to Canada of the basis of a claim in respect of which indemnification hereunder exists or is likely to arise, provided that the Band shall not be entitled to avoid liability for indemnification by reason of Canada's failure to give timely notice except to the extent that the Band can prove it has been actually prejudiced thereby.
- (b) With respect to any claim for indemnification under section 15.02 arising out of any legal proceedings instituted or any claim or demand asserted by any third party, Canada shall assume and thereafter control the defence of such proceedings, claim or demand and any negotiations in respect thereof and the Band and its counsel shall have the right, at the Band's option and expense, to collaborate therein. To that end, the Band shall be entitled to have knowledge (on a strictly confidential basis) of the steps being taken in respect of such proceedings, claim or demand and to make suggestions as to the conduct of the defence to Canada and its counsel and no settlement shall be entered into without the written consent of the Band (which shall not be unreasonably withheld). The parties shall endeavour to jointly instruct counsel in the defence of such proceedings, claim or demand, and any negotiations towards settlement thereof.

- (c) In the event that Canada is prepared to settle any claim or action and the Band is not prepared to do so, then provided the Band provides satisfactory security (or, at Canada's option, other evidence of an ability to adequately honour its indemnity hereunder) Canada will continue to defend any such claim or action, and instruct counsel in respect of such, claim or action.
- (d) The parties agree to act in good faith and upon the advice of counsel and to cooperate fully with each other in connection with the defence, negotiation or settlement of any third party legal proceedings, claim or demand relating to an indemnified matter hereunder including providing access to all books, records and documents as are reasonably necessary to collaborate in or control, as the case may be, the defence of the legal proceedings, claim or demand.
- (e) In the event Canada should be held to be liable as a result of any claim or action contemplated hereunder (including in respect of any claim or action based on of the deposit of the Entitlement Monies to the Band's Trust Account, the subsequent administration, management and disbursement of the Entitlement Monies, or any loss therefrom, whether caused by the First Nation or by its trustees or other, whether, as a result of a judgment obtained in a legal action taken by the Band or by any other entity or Persons whomsoever, the Band acknowledges that Canada may, in enforcing the provisions of this Article, elect to utilize subsection 4(2) of the Act (in respect of section 89 of the Act) for the purpose of recovering from the Band any agreed upon settlement amount or resulting judgment in favour of Canada against the Band.

15.04 FULL AND FINAL SATISFACTION:

Subject to sections 15.06 and 15.08, the Band agrees that this Agreement is intended to and does give effect to the full and final satisfaction of any and all obligations or undertakings of Canada relating to Treaty land entitlement in respect of the Band including, without limitation, all manner of costs, legal fees, travel expenses and other costs incurred by the Band or its representatives in negotiations relating to this Agreement or otherwise and that Canada, by carrying out its obligations pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to have completely fulfilled, and thereby concluded, the Treaty land entitlement rights of the Band, and the Treaty land entitlement obligations of Canada to the Band.

15.05 FINALITY - CANADA AND THE BAND:

Subject to subsection 15.01(c) and section 15.08, the Band agrees that this Agreement sets forth, in a full and complete manner, the actions necessary to implement and fulfil the terms of Treaty in respect of land entitlement for the Band and its Members and, by carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, Canada's Treaty land entitlement obligations shall be fulfilled.

15.06 NO RELIANCE ON RELEASE, INDEMNITY OR FINALITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- (a) Notwithstanding sections 15.01 to 15.04, inclusive, Canada agrees that it shall not rely on the provisions thereof in respect of the Band in the event that Canada has failed, and is continuing to fail, in any material way, to comply with the following covenants in favour of the Band prior to the twelfth (12th) anniversary of the Execution Date of this Agreement, namely:
- (i) Canada's obligation to pay the Band's Entitlement Monies in accordance with the provisions for payment set forth in Article 3 of this Agreement;
 - (ii) prior to the earliest of:
 - (A) the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date; or
 - (B) the twelfth (12th) anniversary of the Execution Date;

Canada's obligation to set apart Land as an Entitlement Reserve in accordance with the provisions hereof (subject always to compliance by the Band with the terms hereof and, in particular, the provisions set forth in Articles 4 to 9, Article 11 and Schedule 6 of this Agreement);

and, for greater certainty, Canada further agrees that, prior to the earliest of the dates set forth in subparagraphs (a)(ii)(A) and (B), if any damages are incurred by the Band as the result of any default by Canada in fulfilling its other monetary obligations hereunder (including, without limitation any failure by Canada to honour any of its obligations as set forth in section 11.07 of this Agreement), the provisions of sections 15.01 to 15.04, inclusive, shall be ineffective as against any action based on Treaty land entitlement commenced by the Band, but only to the extent of such actual and unpaid damage.

- (b) Canada further agrees that it will not rely upon the provisions of sections 15.01 to 15.04, or subparagraph 15.06(a)(ii)(B), in the event that the Band has otherwise complied with the terms hereof and the cause for the Band's failure to reach its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date has been as a direct result of Canada's failure to create Entitlement Reserves pursuant to this Agreement, as opposed to any non-creation of Entitlement Reserves which has been caused by the failure of Saskatchewan or the Band to honour its obligations hereunder.

15.07 NO ADMISSION:

Nothing in this Article shall be deemed or construed to be an admission by the Band or Canada of the extent of their respective Treaty land entitlement rights and obligations.

15.08 NO EFFECT ON FUTURE VARIATION:

In the event that at any time hereafter any variation or amendment of Treaty affecting the Band is agreed to by Canada and formally concluded, then, except as may be agreed upon at such time, neither this Agreement nor the Framework Agreement shall be interpreted as affecting, precluding, or derogating from any such variation or amendment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to be, or interpreted as, any presumption, intention or expectation that any variation or amendment of any Treaty is actually contemplated or required.

**ARTICLE 16
CANADA AND THE BAND**

FINALITY OF SETTLEMENT RESPECTING SASKATCHEWAN

16.01 FINALITY - CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN:

- (a) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that the financial and other contributions to be made by Saskatchewan pursuant to this Agreement are a means by which Saskatchewan shall fulfil its obligations under paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* with respect to the Treaty land entitlement of the Band.
- (b) Canada and Saskatchewan acknowledge that an agreement to be entered into between Canada and Saskatchewan (as set out in Schedule 2) provides for the release and discharge of the obligations of Saskatchewan under paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* and that Canada and Saskatchewan agree to take all necessary steps to ratify and confirm such agreement.

16.02 RELEASE BY CANADA AND THE BAND:

- (a) Canada and the Band hereby agree that after ratification, execution and delivery of this Agreement, as long as Saskatchewan is paying to Canada the amounts required to be paid by Saskatchewan in respect of the Band in accordance with this Agreement, and Saskatchewan has not failed, in any material way, to comply with its other obligations hereunder:
 - (i) the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall not request Saskatchewan to set aside any land pursuant to paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* to fulfill Canada's obligations under the Treaty in respect of the Band; and
 - (ii) the Band shall not make any claim whatsoever that Saskatchewan has any obligation to provide land pursuant to paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), Canada and the Band further agree to forever release and discharge Saskatchewan, Her heirs, servants, agents and successors from all claims, obligations, promises, undertakings or representations made by Saskatchewan to Canada relating to Saskatchewan's obligations to assist Canada in fulfilling the Treaty land entitlement of the Band, or its predecessors in title, pursuant to paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*, from and after the earlier of:
 - (i) the date upon which the Band reaches its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date; or

- (ii) the date upon which Saskatchewan has paid to Canada all amounts required to be paid by Saskatchewan, pursuant to this Agreement in respect of the Band.

**ARTICLE 17
OTHER INDIAN BANDS**

17.01 NO PREJUDICE:

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner so as to prejudice:

- (a) the rights or obligations of Canada in respect of any Indian band not a party to this Agreement; or
- (b) the rights of any Indian band not party to this Agreement;

including, without limitation, any Indian band in respect of which Canada may hereafter accept for negotiation a claim for Treaty land entitlement.

17.02 NO CREATION OF RIGHTS:

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner so as to create or expand upon rights or confer any rights upon, or to the benefit of, any Indian band not a party to this Agreement.

17.03 OTHER NEGOTIATIONS:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree that nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice the ability of other Indian bands whose claim has been accepted from concluding separate arrangements with Canada to settle their outstanding land entitlement.

**ARTICLE 18
SETTLEMENT BOARD**

18.01 SETTLEMENT BOARD:

For purposes of submitting any question concerning the implementation of this Agreement, the parties will each have access to the Settlement Board as established pursuant to Article 18 of the Framework Agreement on the same basis as if the Band had been a signatory to the Framework Agreement.

**ARTICLE 19
ARBITRATION**

19.01 ARBITRATION BOARD:

- (a) An arbitration tribunal (the "Arbitration Board") may be established to adjudicate upon the disputes contemplated in section 19.02 of this Agreement.
- (b) The membership of the Arbitration Board shall be as contemplated in subsections 19.07(c) and (d). There may be a permanent and independent chairperson of the Arbitration Board (the "Chairperson") who shall be appointed by agreement amongst the parties for a term to also be agreed upon.
- (c) If either of the independent arbitrators (including the Chairperson) referred to in subsections 19.07(c) and (d) are unable to act, the parties shall agree upon a replacement within twenty (20) days.
- (d) In the absence of an agreement within the period mentioned in subsection (c), the remaining arbitrators shall determine a replacement.
- (e) Notwithstanding these provisions, the parties may agree to adopt the Arbitration Board and the Chairperson established pursuant to the Framework Agreement to adjudicate upon disputes contemplated in Section 19.02 of this Agreement.

19.02 MATTERS FOR ARBITRATION:

- (a) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band further agree that should a dispute arise between any of them with respect to the following matters, that the dispute may be referred to the Chairperson for resolution:
 - (i) selection of the independent appraiser to determine the value of Crown Lands or Crown Improvements that either Canada or Saskatchewan have agreed to sell to the Band;
 - (ii) selection of the independent appraiser to determine the value of Crown Minerals that either Canada or Saskatchewan have agreed to sell to the Band;
 - (iii) selection of the independent appraiser to determine the fair market value compensation to be paid to Canada and/or the Band in respect of Improvements or developments pursuant to subparagraph 7.02(c)(iv)(B);
 - (iv) the determination as to whether any particular parcel of Crown Land is:
 - (A) Shore Land;
 - (B) located within the boundaries of a Northern Municipality;

- (C) Productive Forest Land;
 - (D) located within fifty (50) kilometres of the boundary of an Urban Municipality or a Northern Municipality; or
 - (E) located inside or outside of any of those areas referred to in subsection 4.10(b);
- (v) the determination of any payment required to be made by Canada or Saskatchewan to the Rural Municipal Compensation Fund or the School Division Compensation Fund pursuant to Article 12;
 - (vi) the determination as to whether any particular Waterbody has an area greater than one thousand (1,000) acres;
 - (vii) the determination as to whether any particular Waterbody has a width, at any point adjacent to Crown Land in question, of twenty (20) meters or more;
 - (viii) the determination of any other matter which has been indicated herein as being the subject of any determination by the Chairperson; and
 - (ix) the selection of an independent appraiser with respect to any other matter which has been indicated herein as being subject to determination by an independent appraiser.
- (b) Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that should a dispute arise between any of them with respect to the following matters, the dispute may be referred to the Arbitration Board for resolution:
- (i) whether a particular Waterbody is, or will be, wholly enclosed within an Entitlement Reserve and has no Discernible Surface Outlet;
 - (ii) the appropriate representation of the Band on a Co-Management Board;
 - (iii) whether a Provincial Road is used primarily to provide access to locations within an Entitlement Reserve;
 - (iv) whether Improvements have been placed upon an Undeveloped Road Allowance or immediately adjacent thereto and whether those Improvements can easily be relocated;
 - (v) whether any of the lands, properties, sites or areas referred to in subsection 4.07(b) are so designated, or proposed to be so designated, at the time the Band indicates in writing that it wished to Purchase such land;
 - (vi) any arbitration involving the Band, Saskatchewan, Canada and a Northern Municipality or School Division pursuant to section 4.11;

- (vii) resolution of any dispute with respect to the existence of a Public Purposes Plan arising pursuant to subparagraph 5.04(a)(vi);
 - (viii) determination of any matter relating to the relocation of Improvements as contemplated in subparagraph 7.02(c)(iv)(A);
 - (ix) determination of any dispute respecting the creation of any urban Reserve referred to in subsection 9.01(c);
 - (x) determination of any dispute respecting the amount of any Provincial Mineral Revenues for the purposes of sections 5.07 or 5.08; and
 - (xi) the determination of any other matter which has been indicated herein as being the subject of any determination by the Arbitration Board.
- (c) The parties, or any of them, may agree to submit any other dispute between them to either the Chairperson or the Arbitration Board.

19.03 COMPENSATION AND COSTS:

The Arbitration Board (or, where applicable, the Chairperson) shall, in addition to adjudicating on the merits of the dispute presented, determine, at their (or the Chairperson's) discretion, the liability among the parties to any arbitration in respect of the compensation payable by any of such parties to the arbitrator(s) and relating to the cost of the arbitration. The costs of the arbitration to the parties and of the compensation payable to the arbitrators shall, subject to the Arbitration Board's (or, where applicable the Chairperson's) discretion, be awarded, allocated and shall be payable commensurate with the relative success of the parties to the arbitration with respect to the issues considered in the arbitration.

19.04 CONFIDENTIALITY:

The parties to an arbitration shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Arbitration Board and any arbitrator appointed to the Arbitration Board pursuant to this Article shall keep confidential all information received in connection with the arbitration, except for disclosure of such information to the parties pursuant to the arbitration.

19.05 DELIVERY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

All written communications shall be delivered to Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band at the addresses set forth in Article 20 hereof, and in any case a party may change or amend its address, in accordance with the terms of Article 20.

19.06 GOVERNING LEGISLATION:

- (a) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, or unless otherwise agreed by the parties, each arbitration pursuant to this Agreement shall be governed by and conducted

pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Code (the "Code") being a schedule to the *Commercial Arbitration Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c-17 (2nd Supp.) and all regulations made and, from time to time, in force under that Act.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Arbitration Board shall determine its own procedure and all questions relating to the conduct of the arbitration.

19.07 AGREEMENT RESPECTING THE COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION CODE:

The parties, with respect to the Code, agree as follows:

- (a) Article 1: For the purpose of Article 1 of the Code, the matters subject to arbitration herein shall constitute a "commercial arbitration";
- (b) Article 7: For the purpose of Article 7 of the Code, this Article shall constitute the "Arbitration agreement";
- (c) Article 10: Pursuant to Article 10 of the Code, the number of arbitrators comprising the Arbitration Board, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, shall be three (3) in the event the disagreement involves only two parties to this Agreement and shall be five (5) in the event the disagreement involves all three parties;
- (d) Article 11: Pursuant to Article 11(2) of the Code, but subject to subsection (c), each of the parties to this Agreement involved in a dispute shall have the right to appoint one arbitrator, with the Chairperson and, if required for a five (5) member board, any remaining arbitrator (collectively the "independent arbitrators") to be appointed by the arbitrators appointed by the parties;
- (e) Article 20: Pursuant to Article 20 of the Code, each arbitration pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted at Regina, Saskatchewan, or at such other place in Saskatchewan as the parties may agree;
- (f) Article 22: Pursuant to Article 22 of the Code, the language used in all arbitral proceedings shall be English;
- (g) Article 28: Pursuant to Article 28 of the Code, the rules of law applicable to any disagreement before the Arbitration Board shall be:
 - (i) the laws of Saskatchewan;
 - (ii) the laws of Canada; and
 - (iii) where not inconsistent or incompatible with the foregoing, such other legally enforceable laws;

which are applicable in Saskatchewan and in effect at the time the disagreement arose;

- (h) Article 34: Reference in Article 34 of the Code to a court shall be interpreted as meaning a reference to the Federal Court (Trial Division) or, where applicable, any Court of Appeal therefrom in the event that Canada is a party to the disagreement and, in any other case, shall mean the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, and any Court of Appeal therefrom.

19.08 ARBITRATION BINDING:

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the *Commercial Arbitration Act* and the Code, the decision of the Arbitration Board shall be final and binding, except in relation to a ruling by the Chairperson or by the Arbitration Board with respect to the Chairperson's or the Arbitration Board's own jurisdiction hereunder.
- (b) All decisions of the Arbitration Board shall be made by a majority. Nothing in this subsection (b) shall be interpreted as preventing any arbitrator from submitting an individual dissenting opinion.

ARTICLE 20
GENERAL PROVISIONS

20.01 ENUREMENT:

This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon Canada and Saskatchewan, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns and upon the Band, and the Band's Members, and each of their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

20.02 AUTHORITY:

The Band agrees that the majority of the Members of the Band eligible to vote have, by ratification vote held in accordance with subsection 10.01(a), duly authorized the Chief and Councillors of the Band to execute and deliver this Agreement and to act for and on behalf of the Members of the Band in executing such documents and taking such further measures as may be reasonable or necessary to carry out and implement the terms, intent and meaning of this Agreement.

20.03 MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS:

To the extent required by the *Parliament of Canada Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. P-1, no member of the House of Commons or Senate of Canada shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit not enjoyed by any other member of the public which may arise out of it.

20.04 MODIFICATION OR WAIVER:

No modification or waiver of this Agreement shall be binding upon any of the affected parties unless the modification or waiver is in writing and has been executed by the parties so affected, with the same formality as the execution of this Agreement.

20.05 ASSIGNMENT:

The parties agree that the rights and obligations of the parties hereto may not be assigned or otherwise transferred without the prior written consent of the other parties.

20.06 EXPANDED MEANINGS:

Unless the context otherwise necessarily requires, the following provisions shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement:

- (a) words used herein importing the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender shall include all genders;

- (b) the terms "in writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visually reproduced at a distant point of reception, including by telecopier or telex; and
- (c) references herein to any agreement, including this Agreement, shall be deemed to be references to the agreement, as varied, amended, modified, supplemented or replaced from time to time.

20.07 HEADINGS AND TABLE OF CONTENTS:

The division of this Agreement into articles, sections, subsections, subparagraphs and other subdivisions, the provision of a table of contents, and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect or be utilized in the construction or interpretation hereof.

20.08 APPLICABLE LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with all applicable legislation including, without limitation, the laws of Saskatchewan and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

20.09 STATUTORY REFERENCES:

All references herein to statutes of either Canada or Saskatchewan shall include, unless a contrary intention is expressed, any such statute as the same may be amended, re-enacted or replaced from time to time and, in respect of any defined term derived from such statute referred to herein, includes any subsequent definition contained in any statute enacted in substitution therefore, or in modification thereof.

20.10 CURRENCY:

All references in this Agreement to dollars are expressed and shall be payable in Canadian currency.

20.11 AMENDMENT:

This Agreement shall not be varied, modified, amended, supplemented or replaced except by written agreement executed by the parties hereto.

20.12 ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

- (a) This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties relating to the settlement of outstanding Treaty land entitlement claim of the Band, and supersedes and cancels any and all pre-existing agreements and understandings relating thereto including, without in any way limiting the generality of the

foregoing, any alleged understanding among the parties commonly known as the "1976 Agreement" or the "Saskatchewan Formula".

- (b) No preliminary drafts or prior versions of this Agreement, whether signed or unsigned, and none of the documents, letters, memoranda of position, minutes or other written material delivered or released by any party on a "without prejudice" basis shall be utilized or relied on by any party (save and except for the party which produced, released or delivered the same) to construe the terms or affect the validity or interpretation of this Agreement.
- (c) No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein has been made or relied upon by any party.

20.13 CURRENT DOLLARS:

All dollar amounts specified herein refer to dollars of Canada determined in the year of expenditure, without adjustment for inflation.

20.14 AMBIGUITIES:

There shall be no presumption that any ambiguity in this Agreement should be interpreted in favour of any of the parties.

20.15 OBLIGATIONS SEVERAL AND NOT JOINT AND SEVERAL:

In this Agreement, reference to an acknowledgment or agreement by a given party is intended by the parties to be an acknowledgment or agreement by each such party individually, as opposed to an acknowledgment or agreement that is made jointly, or jointly and severally.

20.16 PLACE OF DELIVERY:

The address for delivery of any notice or other written communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement, including any notice advising another party of any change of address, shall be as follows:

- (a) TO CANADA:

Regional Director General
Saskatchewan Regional Office
Room 200, 1 First Nations Way
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4S 7K5

With a Copy to:
Associate Deputy Minister

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0H4

(b) TO SASKATCHEWAN:

First Nations and Métis Relations
220-1855 Victoria Ave.
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 3T2

Attention: Deputy Minister

(c) TO THE BAND:

Chief and Council
Sturgeon Lake First Nation
RR1, Site 12, PO Box 5
Shellbrook, Saskatchewan
S0J 2E0

20.17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF NOTICE:

Any notice or communication shall be sufficient if delivered personally, or if delivered by registered mail, postage prepaid shall be deemed to be effective on the latter of the following dates:

- (a) the date stated in the notice as the effective date of such notice; and
- (b) if mailed by prepaid registered mail, that date five (5) business days after mailing;
and
- (c) if delivered personally, on the date of such delivery.

During an actual or anticipated postal disruption or stoppage, postal delivery shall not be used by any party.

20.18 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is an agreement as contemplated by subsection 11(2) of the *Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Act*, S.C. 1993, c.11, and paragraph 2(d)(iii) of *The Treaty Land Entitlement Implementation Act*, S.S., 1993, c. T-20.1 and Canada undertakes to cause the publication of the notice contemplated by subsection 11(2) as soon as reasonably possible after the Execution Date.

20.19 COURT PROCEEDINGS:

Notwithstanding Article 19, save and except for those questions to which arbitration has been agreed to in section 19.02, in the event the parties concerned are unable to agree on any matter, including a question of interpretation of any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement, the determination of any such disagreement, and the enforcement thereof, shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Court of Canada.

20.20 NO EFFECT ON MEMBERSHIP:

Canada and the Band agree that, notwithstanding the definition of "Member" utilized for the purposes of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed in any way as:

- (a) affecting the Band's right to now, or at any time hereafter, determine its membership in accordance with applicable law; or
- (b) any offer or admission by the Band respecting the availability of membership to any individual or group of individuals;

and, for greater certainty, such definition is being utilized by the Band and Canada only for the purposes of this Agreement.

20.21 NO CREATION OF TREATY OBLIGATION:

Each of the parties agrees that nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall it be interpreted or construed in any way:

- (a) as confirming, acknowledging or creating any obligation under any treaty as between Saskatchewan and the Band; or
- (b) as any admission on the part of Saskatchewan that it now has, ever had, or may hereafter have, any direct or indirect obligation to provide land or money to any Person whatsoever (other than its obligations to provide unoccupied Crown Land to Canada) pursuant to the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*.

20.22 CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES:

Where any amendment not contemplated by this Agreement is enacted to the Constitution of Canada, the Act or to any other legislation, the result of which amendment is a material change in the legal rights or obligations of the parties and which, in turn, materially affects the implementation, operation or effect of this Agreement, the parties agree to enter into good faith negotiations designed to determine and implement any necessary amendments to this Agreement required to remedy or alleviate the effect of such constitutional or legislative changes.

20.23 APPLICATION OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND AMENDED COST SHARING AGREEMENT:

Canada and Saskatchewan agree, as between such parties *inter se*, that, except where otherwise provided in this Agreement, the principles of the Framework Agreement and the Amended Cost Sharing Agreement apply to this Agreement.

20.24 APPLICATION OF CLAIM SETTLEMENTS (ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN) IMPLEMENTATION ACT

The Parties agree that the *Claim Settlements (Alberta and Saskatchewan) Implementation Act*, S.C. 2002, c.3, s.1, shall apply to this Agreement and its implementation.

**ARTICLE 21
BEST EFFORTS**

21.01 BEST EFFORTS:

Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band agree that they will, in good faith, employ their best efforts to fulfill the terms of this Agreement according to its true spirit and intent and that they will negotiate in good faith any further agreement or agreements that are required in order to do so.

21.02 SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS OF CANADA:

In particular, Canada agrees:

- (a) to expedite the preparation and passage of all Orders-in-Council and Ministerial approvals required for the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve;
- (b) to perform or cause to be performed all surveys and assessments required to be performed by Canada for the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve as contemplated herein;
- (c) to promptly provide Saskatchewan with all information required by Saskatchewan to fulfill its obligations to Canada to transfer land for the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve;
- (d) to comply, on a priority basis, with the requirements of all laws, policies, procedures and requirements for the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve;
- (e) to commit sufficient personnel to promptly and efficiently co-ordinate and facilitate the compliance by Canada with its obligations hereunder (including the creation of Entitlement Reserves) and to satisfy and resolve disputes respecting this Agreement;
- (f) to facilitate the establishment of Entitlement Reserves in Northern Municipalities without delay and, in all cases, to use its best efforts to promptly and efficiently satisfy all of its obligations hereunder in order that Entitlement Reserves may be established within two (2) years after the Band has indicated in writing its interest in acquiring Entitlement Land within such a Northern Municipality for the purpose of establishing an Entitlement Reserve; and
- (g) to give favourable consideration to assisting the Band with financial arrangements for the purpose of acquiring federal Crown assets located in Northern Municipalities including, where applicable and without limitation, arrangements for payment for such assets over time.

21.03 SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS OF SASKATCHEWAN:

In particular, Saskatchewan agrees:

- (a) to provide timely responses to the Band to any inquiries concerning the availability for sale of any provincial Crown Land, Minerals or Improvements;
- (b) to expedite the process required to secure all necessary departmental approval for the sale of provincial Crown Land;
- (c) to provide information within the knowledge of Saskatchewan to the Band with respect to all Third Party Interest Holders and Mineral Disposition Holders that have interests in any provincial Crown Land that Saskatchewan has agreed to sell as soon as practically possible;
- (d) to prepare on an expedited basis any release documentation required by Saskatchewan from any Third Party Interest Holder or Mineral Disposition Holder that has an interest in any provincial Crown Land that Saskatchewan has agreed to sell;
- (e) to expedite the preparation and passage of all Orders-in-Council required to transfer provincial Crown Lands, provincial Crown Minerals, the water, beds or shores of any Waterbody, or any other interest in Land, Minerals or Improvements which Saskatchewan has agreed to transfer hereunder to Canada in order that the Entitlement Land may be promptly set apart as an Entitlement Reserve;
- (f) to provide, on a priority basis, all other information within the control of Saskatchewan that is reasonably required by Canada or the Band with respect to the acquisition of lands pursuant to this Agreement;
- (g) to provide all possible priority with respect to the registration of any documents under provincial laws that are necessary for the establishment of an Entitlement Reserve;
- (h) to commit sufficient personnel to promptly and efficiently co-ordinate and facilitate the compliance by Saskatchewan with its obligations hereunder and to satisfy and resolve disputes respecting this Agreement;
- (i) in all cases, to use its best efforts to promptly and efficiently satisfy all of its obligations hereunder in order that Entitlement Reserves may be established within Northern Municipalities within two (2) years after an Entitlement Band has indicated in writing its interest in acquiring Entitlement Land within such a Northern Municipality for the purpose of establishing an Entitlement Reserve;
- (j) to actively encourage Northern Municipalities and the board of any relevant School Division operating within Northern Municipalities to give favourable

consideration to the sale of their respective assets within such Northern Municipalities to the Band promptly and at a reasonable price determined in accordance with the criteria set forth in section 4.10 hereof;

- (k) to give favourable consideration to assisting the Band with financial arrangements for the purpose of acquiring provincial Crown assets located in Northern Municipalities including, where applicable and without limitation, arrangements for payment for such assets over time; and
- (l) to negotiate promptly and in good faith, and to not unreasonably withhold, the sale to the Band of provincial Crown Lands and Improvements located within Northern Municipalities and to base the proposed selling price of any such Crown Land and Improvements upon the criteria set forth in section 4.10 herein.

21.04 SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS OF THE BAND:

In particular, the Band agrees:

- (a) to promptly and accurately supply any information, Band Council Resolutions and other documentation or information required to be supplied to Canada or Saskatchewan pursuant to this Agreement;
- (b) to promptly comply with any reasonable requests made by Canada and Saskatchewan for more accurate or complete information, Band Council Resolutions and other documentation or information relating to the selection and acquisition of Lands, Minerals or Improvements or otherwise affecting Entitlement Land or a proposed Entitlement Reserve;
- (c) to use all reasonable efforts to reach the Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date as promptly as is reasonable in the circumstances prior to the expiration of twelve (12) years from the Execution Date; and
- (d) to take appropriate steps to ensure compliance by their Trustees and other Band representatives with the spirit and intent of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement.

**ARTICLE 22
COMING INTO FORCE**

22.01 COMING INTO FORCE:

This Agreement shall come into force on the Execution Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunder set their hands on the date and year first above written:

SIGNED AND DELIVERED in the
presence of:

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
CANADA**

WITNESS

as represented by the Minister of Indian
Affairs and Northern Development

SIGNED AND DELIVERED in the
presence of:

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

WITNESS

as represented by the Minister of
First Nations and Métis Relations

SIGNED AND DELIVERED in the presence of:

THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION

WITNESS as to all of the signatures of the Chief and Councillors

Chief
Chief of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation

Councillor of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation

Councillor of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation

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APPENDIX A - ADDITIONS PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>PROCEDURE:</u>				
Has the Band involved submitted a B.C.R. outlining its request and the basis for the proposal?	___	___	___	
<u>SITE-SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS:</u>				
Site Description:				
Acreage:				
Location:				
Topography:				
Name of Current Owner(s) of:				
(i) Surface:				
(ii) Subsurface:				
<u>CROWN LAND:</u>				
Is any portion of the surface or subsurface owned by the Band?	___	___	___	
Are there any "Occupants of Crown Land"?	___	___	___	
If so, their consent will be/has been obtained and their interests dealt with in the following manner:	___	___	___	
<u>ACCESS:</u>				
Has legal access been provided to the property?	___	___	___	

YES NO N/A COMMENTS

Is there public access to the Land? _____

If there is currently no public access to the Land, access will be accomplished in the following manner:

Has provision been made for access to public utilities, if required (i.e., water, sewer, etc.)? _____

PROJECTED COSTS OF LAND ACQUISITION:

In the event that title to the Land is yet to be acquired by the Band:

- (i) What is the projected Price of the Land?
(i.e., the sale price thereof plus all adjustments and Acquisition Costs):

Cost of Land Purchase

- land costs
(including acquisition)
- appraisals
- survey costs
- land registration costs
- tax adjustment costs
- resolution of Third Party Interests

- (ii) Are adequate funds readily available from the Band Trust
Account or otherwise? (Specify) _____

- (iii) Will Section 4.03 of the Agreement be complied with? _____

- (iv) Is there a need for an independent appraiser to be appointed? _____

- (v) If so, what steps have been taken in respect thereof? _____

PROVINCIAL AND RURAL MUNICIPALITY CONSIDERATIONS:

Has the province and the relevant Rural Municipality been consulted in writing with respect to the implications of the proposal? _____

Has the province and the relevant Rural Municipality expressed any concerns? _____

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Has written correspondence been received from the province and the relevant Rural Municipality setting out the issues discussed and how all reasonable concerns have been resolved?	_____	_____	_____	
If there are any reasonable concerns which have not been resolved, provide rationale for proceeding with the Submission:				

CERTAIN PRE-ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS:

Have the pre-transfer provisions of Section 11.03 of the Agreement been complied with? _____

In particular:

- (i) delivery to the Department of a Band Council Resolution requesting the transfer of Land to Canada for reserve purposes _____
- (ii) delivery to the Department of all legal searches including uncertified copies of title, full copies of all encumbrances, copy of original Crown grant, etc. _____
- (iii) certification or receipt from Saskatchewan of:
 - (a) registrable legal description of any Waterbodies which are not wholly enclosed and any available information with respect to the acreage of such Waterbodies; _____
 - (b) any registered or unregistered Public Utility Easements; _____
 - (c) Replacement Public Utility Easements; _____
 - (d) the required transfer of all residual provincial Crown interests in the land. _____

MINERALS: (Article 5)

Are there any interests in Minerals underlying the Land in question which are not owned by the federal Crown, the provincial Crown, the Band or its Trustees? _____

If so, have arrangements been made for the transfer to the Band of all such interests in Minerals? _____

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
If any of the interests in Minerals are held by the provincial Crown, are any the subject of a Public Purposes Plan?	_____	_____	_____	
If the Band has attained its "Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date", have appropriate arrangements been made for surface and subsurface access in respect of such Minerals?	_____	_____	_____	
<u>WATER: (Article 6)</u>				
Wholly Enclosed Waterbodies				
Are there any wholly enclosed waterbodies within the subject property?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, have arrangements been made for the transfer by Saskatchewan to Canada of the water, beds and shore thereof?	_____	_____	_____	
Other Waterbodies				
Are there any Waterbodies which are adjacent to the subject property or not wholly enclosed?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, has Saskatchewan supplied a registerable legal description for such Waterbodies and any available information with respect to the acreage of each such identified Waterbody?	_____	_____	_____	
Are any water related amendments to legal description/title required?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, specify arrangements made.				
Is a co-management agreement to be entered into with Saskatchewan?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, specify arrangements made.				
<u>ROADS AND ALLOWANCES: (Article 7)</u>				
Are there any Roads, Road Allowances or Undeveloped Road Allowances adjacent to or affecting the subject property?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, is the transfer thereof required or requested?	_____	_____	_____	

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
In such event, has an agreement been concluded with the affected municipal government, Saskatchewan and the Department?	_____	_____	_____	
<u>THIRD PARTY INTERESTS: (Article 8)</u>				
Have all Third Party Interests referred to in Section 8.02 been discharged?	_____	_____	_____	
If not, explain reason and proposed method of discharge.				
Have all Public Utility Easement holders been notified in accordance with subsection 11.03(2)(b)?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, has the Department of Justice (Saskatoon) received appropriate discharges thereof and replacement agreements?	_____	_____	_____	
Have appropriate agreements been concluded with Third Party Interest Holders for surrender of their interests and, where appropriate, with Canada for recreation of the same?	_____	_____	_____	
Have the requirements of Article 8 of the Agreement otherwise been fulfilled?	_____	_____	_____	
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:</u>				
Has the Environmental Screening (Steps 1-3 of the Environmental Review) as outlined in Stage 2 of the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation been completed?	_____	_____	_____	
Indicate results (i.e., is a detailed site investigation under Step 4 of the Environmental Review or remedial action under Step 5 required)?	_____	_____	_____	
If so, provide explanation (and cost estimate):				
Are sufficient funds available from the Band and/or Vendor of the Land to complete any detailed site investigation or remedial work?	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Other Comments:</u>				
Insert any other related comments that cannot be addressed under the above headings.				

APPENDIX B

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING/
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST**

PART I - LAND USE HISTORY:

1.	Property Name	Address/Legal Description	"Proposed Transaction"/ "File Name"	Reserve/ Band
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. General physical description and present use of subject property, adjacent properties and any structures located on these properties (append photographs, aerial photographs, surveys and site maps, if available):

3. List all easements and rights of way affecting property:

4. List owner and/or occupant and land uses from 1940 to present (use separate page if additional space is required):

	Owner/Occupant or Third Parties	Occupant's interest in property (e.g., leasehold, licence)	Use of Site by Owner/Occupant
_____ to 19____	_____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
1940 to _____	_____	_____	_____

5. Indicate the proposed or intended use of this site (if known):

	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
6. Is the zoning inconsistent with the intended land use?	_____	_____	_____
7. Has the property ever been used for industrial manufacturing, (e.g., gasification works or high technology equipment)?	_____	_____	_____
8. Is there any reason to suspect that any of the following substances have been or are being improperly used, stored or disposed of on site?	_____	_____	_____
(a) pesticides/herbicides* (*except in accordance with the manufacturers instructions for storage and use)	_____	_____	_____

	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
(b) chemicals (other than farm herbicides pesticides used and stored in accordance with manufacturers stored and directions)	_____	_____	_____
(c) petroleum products	_____	_____	_____
(d) radioactive materials	_____	_____	_____
(e) chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's)	_____	_____	_____
(f) polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's)	_____	_____	_____
(g) wastes of any type	_____	_____	_____

If yes, describe nature and extent:

9. Are there, or have there ever been, underground or aboveground tanks, drums or storage containers located on site _____

If yes, state their former/present contents and if they have not been removed, indicate their age, the date of the last test and test results:

10. Is there evidence or knowledge of spills or leaks occurring on site (e.g., dark, stained soil or concrete)? _____

If yes, describe:

YES

NO

UNKNOWN

11. Is there evidence or knowledge of spills or leaks occurring on adjacent properties? _____

If yes, is there evidence that these spills or leaks have affected or are likely to affect the subject property?

12. Are there any waste streams other than to sanitary sewer or municipal solid waste systems? _____

If yes, describe:

13. Has large-scale equipment or vehicle maintenance ever been conducted on site? _____

If yes, describe:

PART II - GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SEARCHES:

14. Name(s) and position(s) of government contact(s) and date(s) contacted:

15. Have any permits, licences, orders or approvals relating to the environment been granted by the federal, provincial or municipal authorities? If yes, are they in good standing?

16. Have any legal proceedings relating to the environment (e.g., warnings, actions, applications, investigations, orders, rulings, or fines) been commenced/issued against a present/former owner/occupant of the subject property? If yes, provide details:

17. List results of title, execution and any company searches which may have been done:

PART III - CONTACTS/SITE VISIT:

18. Persons contacted/interviewed and their connection to the subject property:

19. Site visit completed by (append site visit checklist):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX C
SITE VISIT CHECKLIST

Legal description of property and municipal address, if any:

Owner notified of site visit?: _____

Date of Notification?: _____

Indicate whether the following have been observed on the subject property and provide details where appropriate:

REMARKS

<hr/>	Buildings	<hr/>
<hr/>	Storage, repair maintenance facilities	<hr/>
<hr/>	Outhouses	<hr/>
<hr/>	Miscellaneous structures	<hr/>
<hr/>	Sewers, drains, septic systems	<hr/>
<hr/>	Waste streams (other than to sanitary sewer or municipal solid waste systems)	<hr/>
<hr/>	Storm and sanitary sewer discharge	<hr/>

_____	Surface or under-ground tanks, drums or storage containers	_____
_____	Tank vent pipes	_____
_____	Tank fill lines	_____
_____	Electrical transformers or capacitor equipment (including fluorescent lighting)	_____
_____	Landfill	_____
_____	Incinerators	_____
_____	Hazardous waste generators	_____
_____	Garbage Dumps	_____
_____	Scrap yard (e.g., scrap metals, car bodies)	_____
_____	Polluted ditches, streams, creeks, rivers, ponds, lagoons, lakes	_____
_____	Groundwater wells	_____
_____	Spills (e.g., oil, chemical)	_____
_____	Soil/asphalt stains	_____
_____	Soil depressions or mounds	_____
_____	Vegetation stress	_____
_____	Wildlife stress	_____

_____ Urea formaldehyde foam insulation or asbestos containing materials (e.g., pipe insulation) _____

_____ Other _____

_____ Use of surrounding/ adjacent properties: _____

_____ North _____

_____ South _____

_____ East _____

_____ West _____

If any of the above indicate any degree of health/environment hazards is present, provide details:

Site visit performed by: _____
(Name and title)

Date of site visit: _____

APPENDIX D

SEARCHES

(I) TITLE SEARCH:

The title search is an important vehicle for obtaining information and should be utilized as follows:

Does the search reveal ownership, in the chain of title, by any person or corporation which is either known to, or which may (directly or indirectly) deal with toxic substances?

Does the search reveal any orders registered by any government authority relating to the use, handling, storage or disposal of toxic substances?

Does the search reveal any court orders affecting the land use or requiring action?

Does the search reveal the land is situated on a known:

- toxic waste site
- sewage treatment plant
- generating station
- PCB storage site
- garbage-burning, incinerator, hospital, shredding or disinfecting plant
- landfill site
- chemical or toxic waste-producing company
- old municipal hydro-electric commission site
- other site likely to have environmental contamination

Does the search indicate that any activity which might result in toxic waste is being, or has been, carried on at the site, e.g., research, chemical activity, manufacture or storage of toxic substances?

In some circumstances, the search of adjoining lands may assist in the identification of environmental problems associated with acquiring a parcel of land. This type of search may identify adjoining land owners whose businesses indicate further inquiries should be made.

(II) EXECUTION SEARCH:

The execution search is useful for identifying any outstanding judgments registered against the subject property. For instance, it may reveal that a plaintiff who has been injured by a chemical spill on the property has been awarded damages. In the event the defendant (e.g., the current property owner) fails to pay the damages owing, the land may be seized and sold to satisfy the

judgement. An unsuspecting purchaser may therefore find that the property it has just purchased is subject to seizure and sale.

Accordingly, in all cases where the land to be acquired is owned by a private vendor, an execution search should be completed prior to closing.

NOTE: Both the title search and the execution search should be completed by solicitors on behalf of the Band.

(III) COMPANY SEARCH:

This type of search is useful where lands are held or occupied by a corporate entity, e.g., a numbered company. It will confirm the legal name under which government records may be searched and will also disclose the nature of the business concerned and the identity and addresses of the directors (helpful should follow-up inquiries appear to be warranted).

NOTE: The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and its provincial counterpart should be contacted in this regard.

(IV) SEARCHES OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS:

The government bodies which will usually be contacted are the local municipality (e.g., public works, fire department, etc.), the Ministry of Health, Environment Canada, and the provincial Department of the Environment. The Department of Transport and the Ministry of Labour should also be contacted in appropriate cases.

Government searches can be critical. For instance, the investigation and enforcement branch of the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment (DOE) investigates public complaints and prosecutes offenders. A DOE search can reveal the following possible actions taken with respect to a particular property:

- Certificate of approval/permits issued
- Preventive clean-up and repair orders
- Detention and removal orders
- Stop orders
- Restraining and prohibition orders
- Notices of intent (to issue control orders)
- Control orders
- Director-issued orders

(V) **SAMPLE LETTER:**

Enclosed is a copy of the vendor's authority to release information known to the DOE (or a copy of the agreement containing a clause to this effect).

Would you kindly answer the following questions about the subject property in the spaces provided below and return a copy of this letter in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

	YES	NO
1. Does the DOE have any records or information with information with respect to this property?	_____	_____
2. Does the DOE have any records with respect to this property under the name of the current owner or any previous owner listed above?	_____	_____
3. Is the DOE aware of any activity on this property for which any necessary approvals have not been given?	_____	_____
4. Does the DOE have any records of contamination or possible contamination of the site by:		
- Radioactive substances	_____	_____
- PCBs	_____	_____
- CFCs	_____	_____
- Pesticides	_____	_____
- Herbicides	_____	_____
- Other chemical or hazardous substances	_____	_____
- waste of any type	_____	_____
5. Please indicate whether the DOE has:		
- investigated the property	_____	_____
- granted any approval(s) for use of property as (insert current or proposed use, e.g. a waste disposal site)	_____	_____
- issued an action request	_____	_____
- instituted enforcement proceedings or prosecuted individuals or companies with respect to any reporting or regulatory violations	_____	_____
- obtained any court order(s) in respect of the property	_____	_____

IN AREA WHERE THERE IS NO MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE

	YES	NO
6. Is the DOE aware of any water quality or water quantity problems associated with this property or any adjacent properties	_____	_____
7. Is the DOE aware of any sewage problems associated with this property or any adjacent properties?	_____	_____

- NOTE:
- 1) If the answer to any of the above questions is "Yes", please provide details and append same to the copy returned to our office at the following address:
 - 2) If the local Health Unit administers water quality issues on your behalf, please forward a copy of this letter to the Unit for completion.

Signed on behalf of the Saskatchewan
Department of the Environment
- please indicate name and title

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Enclosure: Copy of vendor's authority to release information or copy of agreement containing a clause to this effect.

MUNICIPAL/REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:

In addition to provincial authorities, a letter of inquiry with appropriate variations should be sent to the municipality or region in which the property is located.

The letter to the municipality or region should make the following inquiries:

	YES	NO
8. Are there any sewage or water surcharge agreements affecting this property?	_____	_____
9. Is there any record of non-compliance with any sewage control by-law?	_____	_____

- NOTE:**
- 1) A copy of a letter of inquiry should be directed to the local office of the Ministry of Health, particularly if the water system for the property is not a municipal water system.
 - 2) In appropriate cases, a letter of inquiry should be directed to the Saskatchewan Department of Labour, particularly with respect to *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993*.

APPENDIX E

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Following completion of the Environmental Screening (Steps 1-3 as set out in Part II of the Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation), I have determined that:

	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
i) No contamination is indicated, transaction may proceed	_____	_____	_____
ii) Insignificant (low level) contamination of an acceptable nature is indicated; transaction may proceed without a further detailed site investigation by a technical consultant (follow criteria and guidelines in Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation)	_____	_____	_____
iii) Insignificant (low level) contamination of an acceptable nature is indicated; transaction may not proceed without a detailed site investigation by a technical consultant to determine full nature and extent of contamination (follow criteria and guidelines in Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation)	_____	_____	_____
iv) Significant contamination is indicated; transaction may not proceed without a detailed site investigation by a technical consultant to determine full nature and extent of contamination, following which clean-up will likely be required (follow criteria and guidelines in Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation)	_____	_____	_____

2. Provide rationale for either proceeding/not proceeding with a detailed site investigation:

3. If a detailed site investigation and clean-up are required, is the Band or the vendor assuming the costs?

4. Following a detailed site investigation and after receipt and review of an environmental report by a technical consultant, I have determined that:

- i) No contamination is indicated, transaction may proceed. _____

- ii) Insignificant (low level) contamination of an acceptable nature is indicated; transaction may proceed without a clean-up (follow criteria and guidelines in Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation) _____

- iii) Significant contamination is indicated; transaction may not proceed without a clean-up (follow criteria and guidelines in Terms and Conditions of Entitlement Reserve Creation) _____

Indicate name of consultant(s), date detailed site investigation was commenced/completed and append copy of consultant(s) report(s):

5. Where a clean-up is required, indicate name of consultant(s), date clean-up was commenced/completed and append copy of consultant(s) report(s):

APPENDIX F

SAMPLE LEGAL CLAUSES

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Note: "Purchaser" must be defined in the Agreement to Purchase as the Band and/or its Trustees, and any authorized agent or representative thereof. In addition, Her Majesty the Queen (and her successors) as represented by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs shall be evidenced as permitted assignee of the Purchaser and be entitled to receive the benefits of all rights accruing to the Purchaser.

1. Examination of Records and Full Disclosure

- (i) The Vendor agrees to provide the Purchaser all records, laboratory test results and any other data and material relating to the history and use of the Property in the possession or under the control of the Vendor for inspection by the Purchaser with the right to make copies thereof, within _____ days of the signing of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.
- (ii) The Vendor further agrees to reply to specific inquiries made by the Purchaser relating to any aspect of the Property within _____ days from the date on which the Vendor receives the request for information.
- (iii) The Purchaser agrees to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of any of the data, material and information referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), unless otherwise obligated or directed under any federal or provincial statute or regulation, and agrees to return all documents related thereto if the transaction is terminated prior to closing and upon the Vendor's written request thereafter.
- (iv) The Purchaser shall have access to and shall have the right to inspect all files, records, documents, orders and approvals of the Department of the Environment and of any other body having jurisdiction relating to the Property. The Vendor further agrees to sign any specific authorization required by any such body upon written request by the Purchaser.

2. Access for Testing and Inspections

The Purchaser shall have access to the Property for the purposes of conducting any inspections, tests and investigations as are deemed necessary by the Purchaser to ascertain and document the environmental condition of the Property.

3. **Environmental Investigation**

- (i) The Vendor agrees to hire, at its sole cost, an independent environmental consultant, whose hiring shall be approved by the Purchaser, to conduct an environmental investigation of the Property as described below.
- (ii) The environmental consultant shall:
 - (a) conduct such necessary tests and investigations as are agreed to by both the Vendor and the Purchaser;
 - (b) provide the Vendor, the Purchaser and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs with a final environmental report summarizing all findings (including maps, charts and diagrams), describing procedures and methodologies used and identifying type, source and extent of any contamination found on or adjacent to the Property;
 - (c) provide remediation plans which will restore the natural environment of the Property in compliance with the most recent guidelines of the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment and any existing federal guidelines and estimated clean-up costs for any contaminated sites identified on the property.

4. The Vendor shall, within ___ days of receipt of the consultant's final environmental report, unless a later date is mutually agreed upon by the Parties, provide the Purchaser and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs with a remediation plan as described in sub-paragraph 3(c) for any contaminated sites identified on the Property.

5. Within _____ days of receipt of the consultant's final environmental report pursuant to sub-paragraph 3(b), or a remediation plan pursuant to sub-paragraph 3(c), the Purchaser shall elect to:

- (i) proceed with the Agreement of Purchase and Sale;
- (ii) approve the remediation plan, upon consultation with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, and proceed with the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, subject to implementation of the remediation plan or any portion thereof; or
- (iii) terminate the Agreement of Purchase and Sale; and

shall notify the Vendor in writing of its election.

6. (i) The Vendor covenants that he will, prior to closing and at his sole expense, prevent, ameliorate or eliminate all environmental effects arising from his use of the Property and the use of the Property by his predecessors in title and that he will restore the natural environment of the Property in compliance with the most recent guidelines of the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment and any existing federal guidelines.
- (ii) The Vendor further covenants that he will, _____ days prior to closing, provide the Purchaser with written confirmation that he has complied with sub-paragraph (i), such confirmation to include any environmental consultants' reports which may be prepared in satisfaction of the Vendor's obligation pursuant to sub-paragraph (i).

7. **Right to Terminate**

- (i) By written notice to the Vendor at any time prior to closing, the Purchaser may terminate this Agreement of Purchase and Sale if the Vendor fails to comply with any obligation imposed upon the Vendor by the terms of this Agreement or if the Purchaser, in his sole discretion, determines that an environmental or health hazard exists on the Property.
- (ii) Upon the giving of written notice to the Vendor pursuant to sub-paragraph 7(i), the Agreement of Purchase and Sale shall be terminated, the deposit shall forthwith be returned to the Purchaser with(out) interest and the Purchaser and the Vendor shall thereafter be under no obligation or liability the one to the other in respect of anything contained herein or arising herefrom.

NOTE: In all cases where the Band does not hold title to the Entitlement Land and is requesting that Land be transferred directly from its current owner to Canada, the above termination clauses must be inserted in the relevant land transaction documentation and must also be exercisable at the sole discretion of the Department.

8. **Remediation**

The Purchaser may, at his sole discretion, proceed with the transaction, subject to the agreement of the Vendor and the Purchaser as to the nature and extent of any required site investigation or clean-up and as to the liability therefor.

9. **Indemnity**

The Vendor covenants and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Government of Canada from and against all costs, claims, demands, suits, actions, professional,

consultant or legal fees (on a solicitor and client basis) and damages to which the Government of Canada may be put or may suffer arising or resulting, directly or indirectly, from:

- (i) any misrepresentation by or on behalf of the Vendor;
- (ii) any warranty or representation of the Vendor proving to be false or untrue in whole or in part; and
- (iii) any failure of the Vendor to perform any of the Vendor's covenants contained herein.

This covenant and agreement shall not merge in but shall survive closing.

NOTE: Security for the indemnity should be obtained where a private Vendor is involved.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The following are several suggested representations and warranties which should be obtained from the vendor:

10. **Disclosure**

- (i) The Vendor warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that the Vendor will make complete disclosure of all material facts and circumstances relating to the environmental conditions which, to the Vendor's knowledge, have existed or will exist on the Property and which in any manner might affect the future use of the Property or which may result in the Purchaser and/or the Government of Canada being legally required to prevent, ameliorate or eliminate adverse environmental conditions or to restore the natural environment.
- (ii) The Vendor further warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that there are not now, and will not on closing be, any outstanding, pending or threatened orders, directives or other requirements of the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment and Environment Canada or any other body having jurisdiction relating to the Property and that the Vendor is not now, and will not on closing, be negotiating or in any manner dealing with the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment and Environment Canada or with any other body having jurisdiction with respect to any possible order, directive or other requirement relating to the Property.
- (iii) On closing, the Vendor shall provide to the Purchaser a statutory declaration that the above warranties and representations are still correct and true as of the closing date.

11. **Compliance with Laws**

- (i) The Vendor warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that the present use of the Property is, and on closing will be, in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, notices, approvals, orders and other requirements of the Saskatchewan Department of the Environment and Environment Canada and of any other body having jurisdiction over the Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "approvals" include any approvals relating to environmental, health or safety requirements and the Vendor further warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that no condition currently exists, or will on closing exist, which might impugn the validity of any such approvals.
- (ii) The Vendor warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that the Property contains no toxic substances or contaminants as defined under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), or the equivalent provincial legislation, which have been handled, emitted or discharged by the Vendor, its officers, directors, agents, employees or any third parties and that there are no underground storage tanks on the Property.
- (iii) The Vendor also warrants and represents that it has at all times received, handled, used or stored all hazardous goods or contaminants in strict compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders or approvals and that all such contaminants or hazardous goods will be removed from the Property _____ days prior to closing.

12. **No Adverse Environmental Impacts**

The Vendor warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that there are not adverse environmental impacts on the Property as a result of the use of the land by the Vendor, its officers, directors, agents, employees or any third parties.

13. **No Law Suits, Actions**

The Vendor warrants and represents unto the Purchaser that it has no notice or knowledge of any law suits, actions, fines, orders, penalties, rulings, liabilities, pending or threatened against the Vendor, its officers, directors, agents, employees or any third parties relating to the environmental condition of the Property or to the violation, actual or alleged, of any federal or provincial environmental health or safety statutes, regulations or other lawful requirements.

14. **Survival of Vendor's Representations and Warranties**

The representations and warranties of the Vendor as set forth above shall survive closing and shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Purchaser, and its successors and assigns.

- NOTE:
- 1) It is important that all key contractual terms be clearly defined by the parties to avoid problems in the future interpretation of the respect parties' obligations.
 - 2) Where appropriate, reference to lessees should be made in the above clauses, e.g., clause 2 (access to property may require the approval of both the vendor and any lessee(s)).
 - 3) Where the Band, as opposed to the Vendor, assumes responsibility for any required site investigation or clean-up, the above clauses should be modified accordingly.

**SCHEDULE 1
TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

DATED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 200 .

I. PROVINCIAL MINERAL REVENUE SOURCES

A. General

1. Saskatchewan Resource Surcharge

B. Oil and Gas

1. Crown Royalties
2. Crown Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Royalty
3. Oil and Gas Land Sale Bonus Bids
4. Oil and Gas Disposition Rentals
5. Net Royalty
6. Compensatory Royalty
7. Freehold Production Tax on Crown Land
8. Freehold EOR Production Tax on Crown Land

C. Potash

1. Potash Royalties
2. Potash Base Payments
3. Potash Lease Rentals
4. Potash Profit Tax on Crown Land

D. Uranium

1. Uranium Royalties - Basic
2. Uranium Royalties - Graduated

E. Coal

1. Coal Royalties

F. Other Minerals

1. Sodium Sulfate Royalties
2. Metallic Royalties
3. Quarrying Royalties
4. Salt Royalties

**SCHEDULE 2
TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

DATED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 200

**Agreement Concerning Amendment of the
Natural Resources Transfer Agreement**

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ 200.

BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, as represented by
the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,
(hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
SASKATCHEWAN**, as represented by the Minister of First Nations and
Métis Relations,
(hereinafter referred to as "Saskatchewan")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS a Memorandum of Agreement between Canada and Saskatchewan made the 20th day of March, 1930 (hereinafter referred to as the "*Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*") was duly approved by the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Saskatchewan and, upon an address to His Majesty from the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, was confirmed and declared to have the force of law by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland entitled the *Constitution Act, 1930*;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 26 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement*, it was agreed that provisions of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* may be varied by an agreement confirmed by concurrent statutes of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS paragraphs 10 and 11 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* provide as follows:

10. *All lands included in Indian reserves within the Province, including those selected and surveyed but not yet confirmed, as well as those confirmed, shall continue to be vested in the Crown and administered by the Government of Canada for the purposes of Canada, and the Province will from time to time, upon the request of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, set aside, out of the unoccupied Crown lands hereby transferred to its administration, such further areas as the said Superintendent General may, in agreement with the appropriate Minister of the Province, select as necessary to enable Canada to fulfill its obligations under the treaties with the Indians of the Province, and such areas shall thereafter be administered by Canada in the same way in all respects as if they had never passed to the Province under the provisions hereof.*

11. *The provisions of paragraphs one to six inclusive and of paragraph eight of the agreement made between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the Province of Ontario on the 24th day of March, 1924, which said agreement was confirmed by status of Canada, fourteen and fifteen George the Fifth chapter forty-eight shall (except so far as they relate to the Bed of Navigable Waters Act) apply to the lands included in such Indian reserves as may hereafter be set aside under the last preceding clause as if the said agreement had been made between the parties hereto, and the provisions of the said paragraphs shall likewise apply to the lands included in the reserves heretofore selected and surveyed, except that neither the said lands nor the proceeds of the disposition thereof shall in any circumstances become administerable by or be paid to the Province.*

AND WHEREAS Canada, Saskatchewan and the Sturgeon Lake First Nation have negotiated and concluded the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement, pursuant to which Canada's outstanding Treaty land entitlement obligations in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation are to be fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS Canada and Saskatchewan have agreed that, in consideration of the financial and land related contributions to be made by Saskatchewan pursuant to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement, Saskatchewan's obligations under paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation shall be fulfilled on the earlier of the date the Sturgeon Lake First Nation reaches its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date or the date upon which Saskatchewan has paid all amounts required to be paid by Saskatchewan to Canada and the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund pursuant to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement;

AND WHEREAS paragraph 6 of the agreement made between Canada and the Government of the Province of Ontario on the 24th day of March, 1924, provides as follows:

6. *Except as provided in the next following paragraph, one-half of the consideration payable, whether by way of purchase money, rent, royalty or otherwise, in respect of any sale, lease or other disposition of a mining claim staked as aforesaid, and, if in any other sale, lease or other disposition hereafter made of Indian Reserve lands in the Province of Ontario, any minerals are included, and the consideration for such sale, lease or other disposition was to the knowledge of the Department of Indian Affairs affected by the existence or supposed existence in the said lands of such minerals, one-half of the consideration payable in respect of any such other sale, lease or other disposition, shall forthwith upon its receipt from time to time, be paid to the Province of Ontario; the other half only shall be dealt with by the Dominion of Canada as provided in the paragraph of this agreement numbered 1.*

AND WHEREAS Canada and Saskatchewan have further agreed that Saskatchewan should not be entitled to any consideration in respect of any sale, lease or other disposition of any mining claim or minerals on or in any lands set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Memorandum of Agreement, including the recitals, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings hereafter ascribed to them:
 - (i) "**Entitlement Land**" means land in Saskatchewan which is hereafter purchased or otherwise acquired by the Sturgeon Lake First Nation pursuant to the provisions of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement to be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve;
 - (ii) "**Entitlement Reserve**" means Entitlement Land which is set apart by Canada as a Reserve for the use and benefit of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation pursuant to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement;
 - (iii) "**Execution Date**" means the date that Canada, Saskatchewan and the Sturgeon Lake First Nation executed the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement;

- (iv) "**Sturgeon Lake First Nation**" means the Sturgeon Lake First Nation of Saskatchewan;
 - (v) "**Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement**" means the agreement among Canada, Saskatchewan and the Sturgeon Lake First Nation dated the ____ day of _____, 200 , pursuant to which Canada's outstanding Treaty land entitlement obligations in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, and Saskatchewan's obligations to Canada under paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, are to be fulfilled;
 - (vi) "**Reserve**" means a "reserve" within the meaning of the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, as such statute may be amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (vii) "**Shortfall Acres**" means **3,430** acres of land (including all existing minerals and improvements in respect thereof);
 - (viii) "**Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date**" means the date upon which Entitlement Land (including all existing minerals and improvements in respect thereof) in an aggregate area at least equal to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation's Shortfall Acres has hereinafter been transferred to Canada and is set apart as an Entitlement Reserve or Entitlement Reserves;
 - (ix) "**Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund**" means the fund established pursuant to the *Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Act*, S.C. 1993, c.11 and administered by Canada for the purpose of, *inter alia*, accepting and depositing payments by Saskatchewan in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation.
2. Canada hereby agrees that the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall not request Saskatchewan to set aside any land pursuant to paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* to fulfill Canada's obligations under Treaty No. 6 in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation (or in respect of the past, present and future members of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation), as long as Saskatchewan is paying to Canada and the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund the amounts required to be paid by Saskatchewan in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation in accordance with the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement and Saskatchewan has not failed, in any material way, to comply with its other obligations thereunder.
3. Notwithstanding section 2 hereof, Canada further agrees that it will forever release and discharge Saskatchewan from all of its obligations pursuant to paragraph 10 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in respect of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation from and after the earlier of:

- (a) the date upon which the Sturgeon Lake First Nation reaches its Shortfall Acres Acquisition Date; or
 - (b) the date upon which Saskatchewan has paid all amounts required to be paid by Saskatchewan to Canada and the Treaty Land Entitlement (Saskatchewan) Fund pursuant to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement.
4. Saskatchewan agrees to relinquish any claim that it may have pursuant to paragraph 11 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* to any of the consideration payable in respect of any sale, lease or other disposition of any mining claim or minerals on or in any lands set apart as an Entitlement Reserve.
5. Canada and Saskatchewan agree to take all necessary steps to ratify and confirm this Memorandum of Agreement.
6. This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon being duly confirmed by statutes of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, thereby amending the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in accordance with section 26 of the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement* in the manner contemplated therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands on the day and year first above written.

SIGNED on behalf of the Government of Canada as represented by the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESS

The Honourable
Minister of Indian Affairs and
Northern Development

SIGNED on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan as represented by the Honourable Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations

WITNESS

The Honourable
Minister of First Nations and Métis
Relations

**SCHEDULE 3 TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION TREATY LAND
ENTITLEMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
APPROVING THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION TREATY LAND
ENTITLEMENT
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED INSTRUMENTS**

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PART I
GUIDELINES

1.0 MEANING OF CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS

1.1 Unless otherwise specifically defined herein, capitalized terms utilized in this document shall have the same meaning ascribed thereto in the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement.

2.0 ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

- (a) "*Associated Instruments*" has the meaning ascribed thereto in paragraph 3 hereof;
- (b) "*Assistant*" means the person appointed by the Ratification Officer to be his assistant;
- (c) "*Band*" means the Sturgeon Lake First Nation of Saskatchewan;
- (d) "*Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement*" means the agreement in principle entitled the "Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement" between the Band, Canada and Saskatchewan, which is the subject matter of the Ratification Vote;
- (e) "*Ratification Officer*" means the person appointed by the Department to conduct and supervise the Ratification Vote;
- (f) "*Ratification Vote*" means a vote by the eligible Voters of the Band to formally approve, confirm and sanction the execution and delivery by the Chief and Councillors of the Band of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments and requiring a response in either the affirmative or the negative;
- (g) "*Voter*" means a Member who has attained the full age of eighteen (18) years at the date upon which the Ratification Vote is conducted; and
- (h) "*Voting*" means a polling of Voters by secret ballot in respect of a Ratification Vote.

3.0 CALLING THE RATIFICATION VOTE

3.1 The Ratification Vote may be called by:

- (a) the Council of the Band; or
- (b) the Minister at request of the Council of the Band;

to approve the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and any other instruments or agreements (including, without limitation, the Trust Agreement and Replacement Public Utility Easement agreements) required to be executed, delivered or adopted in connection with the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Associated Instruments").

4.0 ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION

4.1 In advance of the proposed Ratification Vote, or at the same time the call for a Ratification Vote is made, all documentation related to the Ratification Vote shall be filed with the Saskatchewan Regional Office of the Department at Room 200, 1 First Nations Way, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 7K5, Attention: Director, Lands and Trusts Services, such documentation to be complete and to include:

- 4.1.1** a Band Council Resolution approving in principle the terms of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and all Associated Instruments;
- 4.1.2** a Band Council Resolution calling for a Ratification Vote on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments in accordance with these Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures and requesting the Department to appoint an individual as the Ratification Officer;
- 4.1.3** a copy of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and the Associated Instruments, all of which have been initialled for identification (but not signed) by an authorized representative on behalf of each of the Band, Canada and Saskatchewan, with the exception of the Trust Agreement, which shall be initialled only by a representative of the Band;
- 4.1.4** if applicable, one copy of any relevant appraisals, reports or other direct evidence supporting the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments;
- 4.1.5** one (1) copy of the question as it is to appear on the ballot paper to be put to the Voters during the Ratification Vote;
- 4.1.6** one (1) copy of the notice to Voters, as it is to appear, stating:
 - (i) the date (or consecutive dates) on which the Ratification Vote (or Ratification Votes) will take place;
 - (ii) the hours during which the Voters may vote on such date(s);
 - (iii) the locations(s) at which Voting will take place (which, for greater certainty, may be in different locations inside or outside of Saskatchewan, as may be agreed);
 - (iv) the questions to be submitted to the Voters;

- (v) instructions for obtaining a copy of the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments, which shall be made readily available to all eligible Voters; and
- (vi) that if a Voter is ordinarily resident on a Reserve but is not able to vote in person on the day scheduled for Voting, due to a planned absence or for medical reasons, such Voter may request a mail-in ballot package from the Ratification Officer, and such notice shall also include instructions for contacting the Ratification Officer for such purpose.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

5.1 Any Voter may apply to the Ratification Officer within ten (10) days of the posting of the list of Voters referred to in paragraphs 10.6 and 10.7 to have the list revised if such Voter believes that:

5.1.1 the name of a Voter has been omitted from the list of Voters; or

5.1.2 the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the list of Voters.

5.2 A Voter may, up to and including the date of the Ratification Vote, apply to the Ratification Officer to have his name added to the list of Voters if that Voter can:

5.2.1 produce adequate current identification;

5.2.2 provide adequate proof of age; and

5.2.3 if required, obtain corroborating testimony from another Voter who is willing to swear out an Affidavit as to the identity of the applicant.

5.3 If the Ratification Officer is satisfied that the list of Voters requires revision, he shall make the revision and such revision shall be final.

5.4 The Council of the Band shall, by Band Council Resolution, either strike a committee or appoint individuals whose function shall be:

5.4.1 to provide assistance to the Ratification Officer in identifying, properly recording and including Voters in the list of Voters; and

5.4.2 to provide a person to act as the Assistant to the Ratification Officer by carrying out duties and assignments delegated by the Ratification Officer.

6.0 RATIFICATION

6.1 The question put to the Voters at the Ratification Vote shall be deemed to have been ratified and approved if fifty (50%) percent plus one (1) of those Voters eligible to vote cast ballots in the affirmative approving of the execution and delivery of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement by the Chief and Councillors of the Band.

6.2 If ratification and approval by the said majority of the Voters is not attained:

6.2.1 the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement shall not be executed and delivered by the Chief and the Councillors on behalf of the Band and shall have no effect; and

6.2.2 unless otherwise agreed, should the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement not be subsequently ratified after a second Ratification Vote (which is also to be held in accordance with these Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures within three (3) years of the Execution Date) Canada and the Band agree to enter into good faith negotiations to determine any alternate method available for such purpose, and unless otherwise agreed, the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement may not be re-submitted for a Ratification Vote without the prior consent of Canada, Saskatchewan and the Band.

7.0 ORDERLY VOTING

7.1 The Ratification Officer shall maintain peace and good order during the Voting and for this purpose may enlist the assistance of constables, peace officers and other persons present.

7.2 No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with a Voter who is casting a vote, nor shall any person obtain or attempt to obtain at the Voting place, information on how a Voter is about to vote or has voted.

7.3 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall allow only one Voter at any one time into a Voting compartment for marking a ballot paper.

7.4 A Voter who is inside the place of Voting at the hour appointed for closing of the place of Voting and who has not cast a vote shall be entitled to cast a vote after closure is called by the Ratification Officer.

8.0 VOIDED (BALLOTS) VOTES

8.1 A Voter who receives a soiled or improperly printed ballot paper, or inadvertently spoils his ballot paper in marking it, shall, upon returning the ballot paper to the Ratification Officer or the Assistant, be entitled to another ballot paper.

8.2 A Voter who has received a ballot paper and

8.2.1 fails to deliver the ballot as herein provided;

8.2.2 fails to deliver the ballot paper to the Ratification Officer in the manner specified in paragraphs 12.3.4 and 13.3.4; or

8.2.3 refuses to cast a vote;

forfeits the right to vote and shall not be counted as actually voting for the purposes of paragraph 6.1, and the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall make an entry on the list of Voters opposite the name of the Voter that such Voter did not so deliver the ballot paper, or refused to cast a vote, as the case may be.

9.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Unless otherwise specified in the text hereof, where references are made to a person by the term "he", it shall be understood to include or mean "she" as well, as the text may appropriately imply.

9.2 Where the singular is used in reference to proper nouns, common nouns and pronouns and the context implies the plural, the text shall be interpreted to include the implied meaning in the plural.

9.3 Notwithstanding paragraphs 8.2 and 13.7.2, the Ratification Officer may order that a ballot be accepted and recorded in the Ratification Vote where he and the Chief of the Band agree that the intention of the Voter can be ascertained and it appears to them that the ballot was marked in a fair and reasonable manner.

9.4 While it is intended that the participants in the Ratification Vote comply with the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures as set out herein, in the event that circumstances suggest discretion should be exercised in their implementation, the Ratification Officer and the Chief of the Band may agree on a departure from the procedural requirements in the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures where it will not result in any substantive change and where it is necessary to give effect to and carry out the objectives, purpose and intent of the Ratification Vote.

9.5 In the event that the Ratification Officer and the Band Council deem that the same is warranted, arrangements may also be made for advance polling in lieu of, or in addition to, the mail-in voting procedures contemplated herein.

9.6 The Ratification Officer and the Chief of the Band must reduce to writing all of the terms of each agreement entered into in accordance with subparagraphs 9.3 and 9.4 and must deliver a copy of each such written agreement, signed by both of them, to the Department.

PART II

PROCEDURES

10.0 PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

- 10.1** Upon Band Council Resolution approving in principle the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments pursuant to subparagraph 4.1.1, and subject to ratification by the majority of Members committing the Chief and Councillors of the Band to execute and deliver the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and the Associated Instruments, Council shall forward to the Saskatchewan Regional Office of the Department a copy of the Band Council Resolution, accompanied by any documentation specified in paragraph 4 that the Ratification officer may request.
- 10.2** The date or dates fixed for the Ratification Vote should be at least thirty (30) days after notice is first posted in accordance with paragraph 10.7.
- 10.3** Appointment of the Ratification Officer and the establishment of the committee or the appointment of individuals referred to in paragraph 5.4, shall be made at the time documentation referred to in paragraph 4 has been filed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.
- 10.4** Upon appointment of the Ratification Officer, the Council of the Band shall set dates for and then hold general Band meetings for the purpose of providing information to Members of the Band as to the form and substance of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments, copies of which shall be available prior to and during such meetings, and shall provide the Ratification Officer with a confirmation letter that the meetings were held on specified dates and that such information was provided. Legal counsel for the Band shall attend at least one (1) such information meeting on reserve to explain the proposed settlement and to answer any relevant questions.
- 10.5** As determined by the Council of the Band, information sessions may be scheduled in centres off-Reserve where, in the sole discretion of the Council, Band Members reside in sufficient numbers, and any such meetings shall be held in accordance with paragraph 10.4 at least ten (10) days after mail-in ballot packages have been sent pursuant to paragraph 13.
- 10.6** The Ratification Officer shall compile a list of Voters:
- 10.6.1** as herein provided; or
- 10.6.2** as provided by the Council of the Band, and agreed to by the Department.
- 10.7** The Ratification officer or the Assistant shall post notices, as prescribed in subparagraph 4.1.6, in such places as he deems necessary and at least thirty (30) days prior to the first

date set for Voting to take place, but not necessarily prior to receipt of the documentation referred to in paragraph 4.

10.8 At least fourteen (14) days prior to the first date set for Voting, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall post, or cause to be posted, the list of Voters in such locations as he, in his sole discretion, deems necessary both on and off the Reserve.

10.9 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant, prior to the date or dates set for Voting, shall:

10.9.1 procure a sufficient number of ballot boxes;

10.9.2 prepare or cause to be prepared ballot papers;

10.9.3 ensure that all physical arrangements are completed including voting stations, tables, chairs, paper supplies, forms, pencils, markers, flip charts, etc.;

10.9.4 ensure that sample ballot papers are posted or available for examination by Voters; and

10.9.5 ensure that a Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or practising solicitor in and for the Province of Saskatchewan, shall be available when and as required during such Voting day or days.

10.10 Immediately prior to the commencement of Voting, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall open the ballot box and call upon any person or persons who may be present to inspect the ballot box and ascertain that the ballot box is empty. The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall then lock, seal and place the ballot box in a convenient location and position for the reception of ballot papers.

10.11 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall ensure that a declaration in the form of that annexed as Appendix D.1 is sworn by at least one of the persons described in paragraph 10.10 confirming that there was compliance with the procedure set out in paragraph 10.10.

10.12 Every ballot paper shall:

10.12.1 be printed on paper of a quality, weight and size determined and supplied by the Ratification Officer;

10.12.2 be of the same description, as nearly as possible, as other ballot papers intended for use in the same Ratification Vote;

10.12.3 contain a stub on the top edge which shall be one-half inch in width, and there shall be a line of perforations between the stub and the portion of the ballot paper on which the question is printed; and

10.12.4 be numbered consecutively on the back of the stub.

11.0 VOTING HOURS

- 11.1** Subject to subparagraph 4.1.6(ii) and paragraphs 7.4, 11.2 and 13, Voting shall take place between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon for each day set for Voting.
- 11.2** Where it appears to the Ratification Officer that it would be inconvenient to the Voters to close the Voting stations at the appointed hour, he may order that such changes be made to the Voting hours as can reasonably be made to accommodate the Voters' requirements.

12.0 VOTING

- 12.1** The Ratification Officer or the Assistant, after satisfying himself that a person presenting himself for the purpose of Voting is entitled to cast a vote, shall provide such person with a ballot paper on the back of which the Ratification Officer or the Assistant has affixed his initials so placed that when the ballot paper is folded, the initials can be seen without unfolding the ballot paper.
- 12.2** The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall place on the list of Voters a line through the name of every Voter receiving a ballot paper, without obliterating the Voter's name.
- 12.3** Except as provided in paragraph 8.1 and paragraph 13.0, every Voter receiving a ballot paper shall:
- 12.3.1** proceed immediately to the Voting compartment provided for marking the ballot paper;
 - 12.3.2** mark his ballot by placing an "X" in the respective box associated with either the word "YES" or the word "NO" appearing on the ballot paper beneath the question appearing therein;
 - 12.3.3** fold the ballot paper so as to conceal the mark placed on the face of the ballot paper and so as to expose the Ratification Officer's or the Assistant's initials on the back of the ballot paper; and
 - 12.3.4** forthwith deliver to the Ratification Officer or the Assistant the marked ballot paper folded in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph 12.3.3.
- 12.4** Upon receiving a ballot paper from a Voter, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall, in the full view of the Voter and all others present, without unfolding the ballot paper or in any way disclosing the mark made by the Voter, ascertain by examination of the initials appearing on the ballot paper that it is the same ballot paper that was delivered to the Voter and if it appears to be the same ballot paper that was delivered to the Voter, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall tear the stub from the ballot paper, deposit the ballot paper in the ballot box and destroy the stub after recording opposite the name of

the Voter on the list of Voters the number printed on the stub of the ballot paper of that Voter.

13.0 MAIL-IN VOTING

13.1 Subject to paragraph 13.8, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall send by registered mail, with a request for confirmation of receipt, a mail-in ballot package to each Voter who:

13.1.1 is on the list of Voters; and

13.1.2 does not ordinarily reside on the Reserve, or ordinarily resides on the Reserve but informs the Ratification Officer that due to a planned absence, or for medical reasons, he will not be available to Vote in person on the days set for Voting;

at least thirty (30) days prior to the first date set for Voting and prior to any information sessions held off Reserve pursuant to paragraph 10.5.

13.2 A Voter who returns the mail-in ballot with attached declaration forfeits the right to cast a vote in person at a Voting station.

13.3 A mail-in package shall include:

13.3.1 a ballot paper with the initials of the Ratification Officer or the Assistant affixed;

13.3.2 a ballot envelope in which a ballot paper may be enclosed;

13.3.3 a copy of the draft Affidavit annexed to these Ratification Guidelines and Procedures as Appendix "A";

13.3.4 a return envelope in which the documents listed in subparagraphs 13.3.2 and 13.3.3 may be enclosed and which is pre-addressed to the Ratification Officer;

13.3.5 a copy of the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments; and

13.3.6 a letter of instructions from the Ratification Officer and an information letter from the Chief.

13.4 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall place on the list of Voters, a mark opposite the name of every Voter to whom a mail-in ballot package has been sent.

13.5 Except as provided in paragraph 8.1, every Voter receiving a mail-in ballot package shall:

- 13.5.1** mark his ballot paper by placing an "X" in the respective box associated with either the word "YES" or the word "NO" appearing on the ballot paper beneath the question appearing thereon;
- 13.5.2** fold the ballot paper so as to conceal the mark on the face of the paper but so as to expose the Ratification Officer's initials on the back of it, and place the ballot paper so folded in the ballot envelope and seal the ballot envelope;
- 13.5.3** complete and sign the declaration included therein before a witness who has attained the full age of eighteen (18) years and is not a relative of the Voter, and the witness shall then also sign the declaration;
- 13.5.4** place the declaration completed in accordance with subparagraph 13.5.3 and the ballot envelope referred to in subparagraph 13.5.2 in the return envelope pre-addressed to the Ratification Officer and seal the return envelope; and
- 13.5.5** make arrangements for delivery or mailing of the sealed return envelope referred to in subparagraph 13.5.4 to the Ratification Officer at the address specified on the return envelope so that such sealed return envelope shall be received by the Ratification Officer prior to the close of the last on Reserve Voting station.
- 13.6** Upon receiving a return envelope prior to closing the last scheduled on Reserve Voting station, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall, in the full view of at least two (2) other persons present, place on the list of Voters an appropriate mark opposite the name of the Voter to whom a mail-in ballot package was sent as having delivered the return envelope to the Ratification Officer.
- 13.7** Prior to closing the last scheduled on Reserve Voting station, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant, in the full view of at least two other persons present, at the Voting Station, shall, in respect of each return envelope delivered to the Ratification Officer or the Assistant prior to closing the on Reserve Voting station open the return envelope, and determine that a declaration in substantially the form annexed as Appendix "A" is enclosed therein and ascertain by examination that the declaration enclosed therein has been completed and is properly executed; and:

 - 13.7.1** if the declaration enclosed in the return envelope is in acceptable form and has been completed and executed as required, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall open the ballot envelope and without unfolding the ballot paper or in any way disclosing the mark made by the Voter ascertain by examination of the initials appearing on the ballot paper that it appears to be the same ballot that was mailed to the Voter and upon ascertaining that it appears to be the same ballot paper that was mailed to the Voter, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall tear the stub from the ballot paper, deposit the ballot paper in the ballot box and destroy the

stub after recording opposite the name of the Voter on the list of Voters the number printed on the stub of the ballot paper of that Voter, and place a line through, without obliterating, the name of the Voter on the list of Voters; or

13.7.2 if no declaration was enclosed in the return envelope or if the declaration enclosed therein was not in acceptable form or has not been completed and executed as required, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall make an entry on the list of Voters opposite the name of the Voter that no declaration was enclosed in the return envelope or that the declaration enclosed was not in proper form or was not completed and executed as required in subparagraph 13.5, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall mark the ballot envelope of the Voter "IMPROPER MAIL-IN BALLOT" and place a line through, without obliterating, the name of the Voter on the list of Voters and shall neither open that ballot envelope nor deposit the ballot paper enclosed therein in the ballot box, and such ballot such not be counted as a vote for the purpose of paragraph 6.1.

13.8 For the purpose of 13.1, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall make such enquiries as he, in his sole discretion, deems necessary to ascertain the current address of a Voter described in that paragraph, and shall send the mail-in ballot package to that address, or the Voter's last known address, as circumstances may require, but if no address can be ascertained, or no confirmation of receipt is obtained, the Ratification Officer shall so inform the Band and record this fact on the list of Voters opposite the name of that Voter, and the Ratification Vote shall be held notwithstanding the failure to send or deliver mail-in ballot packages.

14.0 INTERPRETATION AND CLARIFICATION

14.1 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall explain the mode of Voting to a Voter when requested to do so by that Voter.

14.2 On application of a Voter who is:

14.2.1 not able to read;

14.2.2 incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause; or

14.2.3 does not understand English and is not accompanied by his own interpreter;

14.2.4 the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall assist the Voter by marking his ballot paper in the manner directed by the Voter and shall place such ballot paper in the ballot box.

14.3 The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall make an entry in the list of Voters opposite the name of the Voter that the ballot paper was marked by him at the request of the Voter and the reasons therefor.

14.4 Whenever the Ratification Officer or the Assistant does not understand the language spoken by a Voter, he shall appoint an interpreter conversant in the language of that Voter who shall be the means of communication between the Ratification Officer or the Assistant, as the case may be, and the Voter with reference to all matters required to enable such Voter to cast a vote.

15.0 CLOSING THE VOTING STATION

15.1 One hour prior to the appointed closing hour, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall announce to those present that the on Reserve Voting station will close in one (1) hour.

15.2 At the closing hour, the Ratification Officer shall declare the on Reserve Voting station closed at which time entry to the Voting station will be denied and the location shall be secured or locked, as the case may be.

16.0 COUNTING THE VOTES

16.1 Immediately after closing the on Reserve Voting station, the Ratification Officer and the Assistant, in the presence of any Voters who may be present, shall:

16.1.1 arrange the room so as to have complete control of the area being utilized for tabulating Voting results;

16.1.2 explain to all present how the ballot papers will be counted and on what basis a ballot paper is considered "spoiled";

16.1.3 unseal and unlock the ballot box;

16.1.4 proceed with the counting of the ballot papers by removing one ballot paper at a time, inspecting each ballot paper for proper marking by the Voter and for the Ratification Officer's or the Assistant's initials, display both sides of each opened ballot paper to those present and indicate in a clearly audible voice whether the ballot paper is marked a "YES" or a "NO" or is considered spoiled;

16.1.5 upon completion of the count, turn over the empty ballot box such that those present can see that the inside of the ballot box is empty; and

16.1.6 tabulate and confirm the results of the count, record the results of the vote and arrange for and attend to the completion and execution of all the statements, declarations and affidavits annexed hereto as Appendices "B", "C", "D", "D.1", "E" and "F".

17.0 BALLOT DISPOSITION

- 17.1** The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall seal all ballot papers in an envelope and place them in a secure location for a period of sixty (60) days after the Ratification Vote.
- 17.2** The Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall place in a separate envelope all ballot envelopes marked "Improper Mail-In Ballot" and each declaration included in a return envelope received by the Ratification Officer prior to closing an on Reserve Voting station and place the separate sealed envelope in a secure location for a period of sixty (60) days after the Ratification Vote.
- 17.3** After the expiry of the sixty (60) day period and no legal proceeding concerning the Voting having been initiated or commenced, the Ratification Officer or the Assistant shall transfer the sealed envelopes referred to in paragraphs 17.1 and 17.2 together with the contents thereof, and the mailing and confirmation receipts (referred to in paragraph 13.1) to the Department for storage.

18.0 REPORT AND WRAP-UP

Forthwith after completion of the Ratification Vote and counting of the ballots, the Ratification Officer shall transfer the completed and executed documents referred to in subparagraph 16.1.6 to the Director, Lands and Trusts Services of the Department at Room 200, 1 First Nations Way, Regina, Saskatchewan, and deliver a copy thereof to the Chief of the Band at the Band office.

**APPENDIX "A" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

DECLARATION

Ratification of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement between the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, Canada and Saskatchewan and Associated Instruments

I, _____, _____,
(name of Voter) (Occupation)

DECLARE THAT:

1. I am a registered Member of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, my Treaty Number is _____, and I will be at least 18 years of age on or before _____, 200 , being the date scheduled for Voting herein.
2. I live at _____.
(full address)
3. I have read and understood the mail-in package sent to me, and of my own free will and consent, without the compulsion or undue influence of anyone, have marked the ballot. I understand that by using this mail-in ballot procedure I will not be permitted to vote in person at the Ratification Vote.
4. I have folded the ballot paper, hiding my mark and showing the initials marked on the back, and I have placed the ballot paper in the ballot envelope.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____ at
(day) (month) (year)

(town/city and province)

)	In the presence of:
)	
)	Name: _____
)	(Witness)
_____ (Signature of Voter))	
)	Address: _____
)	_____
)	_____

(Witness must be 18 years of age or over and must not be a relative of the Voter.)

**APPENDIX "B" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

STATEMENT

(Subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

We, the undersigned, severally state that a Ratification Vote on the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments was held on the _____ day of _____, 200 , and the results of this Ratification Vote were as follows:

- (a) the names of _____ Voters appear on the list of Voters prepared by the Ratification Officer pursuant to paragraph 10.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures, and the number of Voters who were entitled to cast a vote on the Ratification Vote was therefore _____;
- (b) _____ Voters actually voted in the Ratification Vote in accordance with paragraphs 6.1, 8.2, and 13.7 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures;
- (c) _____ Voters voted in favour of the ratification question, and _____ Voters voted against the ratification question; and
- (d) _____ ballots were spoiled and were not counted in (b) above in accordance with paragraph 8.2 and subparagraph 13.7.2 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures.

DATED at _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this _____ day of _____, 200 .

Signed in the Presence of)	
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)	
)	_____
)	Ratification Officer or
)	Ratification Officer's Assistant
)	
)	
_____)	_____
Witness)	Chief or a Councillor of the Band
As to both signatures)	

**APPENDIX "C" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
STATEMENT**

(Subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

POLL LOCATION: _____

POLL NO.: _____

We, the undersigned, severally state that in the Ratification Vote of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation held on _____, 200 , _____ votes were given in favour of the ratification question, _____ votes were given against the ratification question, and _____ ballot papers were spoiled, and we declare, therefore, that a majority of the eligible Voters did/did not cast ballots affirming the question appearing on the ballot paper, thereby approving/failing to approve and authorizing/not authorizing the execution and delivery by the Chief and Councillors of the Band of the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments.

DATED at _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this _____ day of _____, 200 .

Signed in the Presence of)
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_____)
Witness)
As to both signatures)

Ratification Officer or
Ratification Officer's Assistant

Chief or a Councillor of the Band

**APPENDIX "D" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

STATEMENT

(Subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

This is to certify that, immediately before the opening of the poll on the _____ day of _____, 200 , I opened the ballot box used for the Ratification Vote concerning the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments by the _____ Band on the _____ day of _____, 200 , in accordance with paragraph 10.10 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures. I found the ballot box empty and called upon the persons who were present to witness that it was empty. I then locked and properly sealed the box and placed it in a convenient position for the reception of ballot papers.

DATED at _____, Saskatchewan, this _____ day of _____, 200 .

Signed in the Presence of)
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_____)
Witness)

Ratification Officer or
Ratification Officer's Assistant

**APPENDIX "D.1" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

DECLARATION BY WITNESS

(Paragraph 10.11 and subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

CANADA)
)
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN)
)
TO WIT:)

I, _____, being a Member of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. **THAT** I was personally present on the _____ day of _____, 200 and did witness, before the opening of the poll on such date, the opening of the ballot box to be used in connection with the Ratification Vote by the Ratification Officer or his Assistant.
2. **THAT** the said ballot box was seen by me to be empty and the Ratification Officer or his Assistant called on me to verify that such was the case.

SWORN before me at the _____ of)
_____ in the Province of)
Saskatchewan, this _____ day of)
_____, 200 .)
)
)
_____)

Signature of Witness

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Saskatchewan.
Being a Solicitor.
Or
My Commission expires _____.

**APPENDIX "E" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
CERTIFICATION BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER**

(Subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

CANADA)
)
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN)
)
TO WIT:)

I, _____, Ratification Officer/Assistant to the Ratification Officer, of _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, _____ of Treaty Land Entitlement/Specific Claims, _____ District, _____ with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. **THAT** I was present at the _____, on _____, 200 , when Members of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation voted in a Ratification Vote concerning a proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments, as provided in the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures.
2. **THAT** a true copy of the notice to the Members of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation to approve and ratify the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments is attached as Exhibit "1" to this my Affidavit.
3. **THAT** I did cause the said notice to be posted in accordance with paragraph 10.7 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures at least thirty (30) days prior to the first date set for Voting to take place.
4. **THAT** I arranged for mail-in ballot packages, as described in paragraph 13.3 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures, to be mailed in accordance with paragraph 13.1 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures.

**APPENDIX "F" TO THE
RATIFICATION VOTE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF

(Subparagraph 16.1.6 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures)

CANADA)
)
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN)
)
TO WIT:)

I, _____, of _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, being Chief of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation , **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. **THAT** I was present at the _____, on _____, 200 , when Members of my Band voted in the Ratification Vote concerning a proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments, as provided in the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures.
2. **THAT** a true copy of the notice to the Members of my Band setting forth, among other things, the date and time set to approve and ratify the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments is attached as Exhibit "1" to this my Affidavit.
3. **THAT** the Ratification Officer or his Assistant did cause to be posted a notice in accordance with paragraph 10.7 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Ratification Vote.
4. **THAT** the proposed Sturgeon Lake First Nation TLE Settlement Agreement and Associated Instruments were approved/were not approved by Ratification Vote, in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of the Ratification Vote Guidelines and Procedures, the results of which are set out in a true copy of the Statement attached as Exhibit "2" to this my Affidavit.

SWORN before me at _____)
 , in the Province of Saskatchewan,)
 this _____ day of _____,)
 200 .)
)

Chief of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Saskatchewan.
Being a Solicitor.
Or

My Commission expires _____.

**SCHEDULE 4 TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION
TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE

I, _____, Barrister and Solicitor, of the Province of Saskatchewan, state as follows:

1. **THAT** I am a member in good standing of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.
2. **THAT** I have been retained by the Chief and Council of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation to act as independent legal counsel to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation and its members (the “Band”) and to advise the Band with respect to all legal matters related the settlement of the Treaty Land Entitlement claim of the Band, including the negotiation, preparation, execution, and/or delivery of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement (the ASettlement Agreement@) and the Trust Agreement, as defined therein (the ATrust Agreement@), the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents.
3. **THAT** I have provided Chief and Council, as representatives of the Band, independent legal advice with respect to all legal matters related the settlement of the Treaty Land Entitlement claim of the Band, including the negotiation, preparation, execution, and delivery of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement, the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents.
4. **THAT** the I was present at the following information meeting(s) which were called by the Band for the purpose of explaining to the members of the Band the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement, the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents:

Location of Meeting(s):

Date(s) and Time(s):

5. **THAT** I was present at the information meeting(s) and made a presentation at the information meeting(s) to the members of the Band then present, consisting of an overview

of the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement, the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents. The presentation provided an explanation of the Settlement Agreement and Trust Agreement, including the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents. I provided independent legal advice to members of the Band present at the information meeting(s) and I answered any relevant legal questions raised at those times to the best of my professional ability.

6. **THAT** in this certificate, “independent legal counsel” means that I have not been retained or otherwise acted for or represented any party other than the Band with respect to any aspect of the matters touched upon by the Settlement Agreement or Trust Agreement, including the Schedules and Appendixes attached thereto, and any other related documents, and I am not acting in any conflict of interest.
7. **THAT** in this certificate, “independent legal advice” means legal advice I have provided as independent legal counsel.

DATED at Saskatchewan, this _____ day of _____, 200 .

Witness to the signature of

Barrister & Solicitor

(Address)

**SCHEDULE 5 TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION
TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVICE

I,....., of the City of, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Chartered Accountant, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:**

1. **I** am qualified to practice as a Chartered Accountant in Saskatchewan and I am a member in good standing of the
2. **I** was retained in my professional capacity by Chief and Council of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation , as representatives of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation and its members (the ABand@), to act as independent financial advisor to the Band to provide financial advice to the Band with regard to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement (the ASettlement Agreement) and the Trust Agreement, as defined therein (the ATrust Agreement@).
3. **I** have provided the Band, via its Chief and Council, independent financial advice of the kind included in the practice of public accounting (including, if appropriate, investment counseling) with respect to the Trust Agreement, the management and administration of the Entitlement Monies and Trust Property, and the deposit of the Entitlement Monies into the Trust Account established pursuant to the Trust Agreement rather than into an account for the Band managed by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development including, without limitation, financial advice which contrasts the potential rates of return, potential investment risks, and income tax implications associated with placing the Entitlement Monies, into the Trust Account rather than into an account managed by the Department.
4. **I** was present at the following information meeting(s) which were called by the Band for the purpose of explaining to the members of the Band the Settlement Agreement, the Trust Agreement, and related documents:

Location of Meeting:

Date and Time:

5. **I** was present at the information meeting(s) and made a presentation at the information meeting(s), to the members of the Band then present, consisting of an overview of the

terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement, including the deposit of the Entitlement Monies payable pursuant to the Settlement Agreement into the Trust Account established pursuant to the Trust Agreement rather than into an account for the Band managed by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or Consolidated Revenue Account, which provided an explanation of the contents of the Trust Agreement to the members of the Band then present and answered any relevant financial questions raised at the information meeting(s) to the best of my professional ability.

DATED at, Saskatchewan, this day of 200

Witness to the signature of

Chartered Accountant

**SCHEDULE 6
TO THE STURGEON LAKE FIRST NATION TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

DATED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 200 .

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT RESERVE CREATION

A. PURPOSE

In conjunction with the requirements set forth in the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement"), the purpose of this document is to identify the terms and conditions upon which Entitlement Reserves will be created by Canada in Saskatchewan. In the event of any direct conflict between these provisions and those of Article 11 of the Agreement, the provisions of Article 11 prevail.

B. APPLICATION AND TERM

Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, these terms and conditions of Entitlement Reserve creation apply only with respect to Land, Minerals or Improvements acquired up to the Band's Equity Quantum, which is not located within an Urban Municipality and to such an extent replace the Additions To Reserves Policy.

These terms and provisions shall, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, be in effect for a period of 15 years from the Execution Date and thereafter according to section 11.12 of the Agreement.

C. DEFINITIONS FROM THE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE

Unless otherwise specifically defined herein, all capitalized terms utilized herein shall have the same meaning ascribed thereto in the Agreement, and all references to a section or an Article shall be to a section or an Article of the Agreement.

D. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

When utilized herein, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Environmental Review" means Steps 1 - 5, inclusive, of Stage 2 hereof;

"Environmental Screening" means Steps 1 - 3, inclusive, of Stage 2 hereof;

"Regional Director General" or **"RDG"** means the Saskatchewan Regional Director General of the Department (or whoever may be acting in his or her capacity) and his or her successors in title from time to time;

"Submission" means the formal request and supporting documentation necessary to have Entitlement Land created as an Entitlement Reserve according to the process described herein and in Article 11 of the Agreement.

E. RDG APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE

The approval by the RDG of a Submission (an "Approval in Principle") constitutes a recommendation for Entitlement Reserve creation to the Minister. Subject to amendment of applicable Federal law, it is only the Governor in Council (by Order in Council) which can grant Entitlement Reserve status to Land, Minerals or Improvements, unless Entitlement Land is set aside as Entitlement Reserve pursuant to the *Claim Settlements (Alberta and Saskatchewan) Implementation Act*, S.C. 2002, c.3, s.1.

F. FEDERAL PROGRAM FUNDING

The creation of an Entitlement Reserve is intended to be a "revenue neutral" event on the part of the Band and Canada. Any application for program funding for the development of infrastructure or capital expenditures for any improvements to any Reserve or Entitlement Reserve shall occur (and shall be considered by the Department) separate and apart from a Submission by the Band for the creation of an Entitlement Reserve.

G. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

It is acknowledged by both Canada and the Band that the Band and the Department will be operating under the following understandings and will take all necessary and reasonable steps to:

1. Ensure that the Band representatives and Departmental officials exercise due diligence and reasonable care by undertaking the Environmental Screening (and, where necessary, an Environmental Review), the scope of which will depend on the circumstances in each case.
2. Ensure that the Council receives a copy of the environmental review checklists, other relevant correspondence or documentation and any

consultant's reports(s) which may have been prepared. The Council must also be advised of any concerns arising out of the Environmental Screening/Environmental Review process. This will assist the Band in making an informed decision as to whether to accept or reject the proposed acquisition of Land, Minerals or Improvements and is particularly important where the Band may be interested in accepting Land, Minerals or Improvements on an "as is" basis.

3. Where required under Step 5, ensure that the Council passes a Band Council Resolution or conducts a membership vote accepting the environmental status of any Land, Minerals or Improvements referred to in Steps 4 and 5 prior to Canada taking title to, or assuming the administration and control of, such Land, Minerals or Improvements.
4. Ensure that the Band is encouraged to seek independent professional advise, (e.g., legal, environmental), particularly where the Band may be interested in accepting any Land, Minerals or Improvements on an "as is" basis.

H. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

A Submission by the Band for creation of an Entitlement Reserve must be dealt with as herein set forth including the following:

1. Completion of an Environmental Screening and, where necessary, an Environmental Review under Steps 1 - 5 hereof.
2. Compliance with Article 11 of the Agreement.

I. PROCEDURES

The following procedures apply to all acquisitions where Land is intended to be transferred to Canada for the purpose of being granted Entitlement Reserve status.

For greater certainty, where the Band has acquired Entitlement Land (or wishes to acquire any Land, Minerals or Improvements) located within the boundaries of an Urban Municipality, a Northern Municipality or within the Northern Administration District with the intention that the same be granted Entitlement Reserve status, the creation of any such Entitlement Reserve shall be subject to the provisions of the Agreement including, without limitation, Article 9 of the Agreement.

STAGE 1: Band Council Resolution Request

A Band Council Resolution is required to formally initiate the process when the Band wishes to obtain Entitlement Reserve status in respect of any Entitlement Land in accordance with section 11.03 of the Agreement. After the appropriate searches under subsection 11.03(1)(a) of the Agreement have been completed the Band Council Resolution should indicate that:

- (a) the Land (including, where required all Minerals and Improvements) is available for purchase;
- (b) the Band consents to the execution and registration by Canada of all applicable Replacement Public Utility Easements which may affect such property pursuant to section 8.03; and
- (c) the Band intends to purchase and transfer title to any Entitlement Land (which has already been acquired by the Trustees) to the administration and control of Canada; or
- (d) the Band intends to have Canada assist the Band by agreeing to accept the direct transfer of Land, Minerals or Improvements from the current owner thereof to Canada, subject to section 11.03 of the Agreement.

Such Band Council Resolution should be forwarded to the Department's Saskatchewan regional office, to the attention of the Director, Lands and Trusts Services, together with a complete legal description, an uncertified certificate of title, complete copies of all encumbrances, a photocopy of the original Crown grant of title and a preliminary completion of the Additions Proposal Checklist (Appendix A hereto).

STAGE 2: Preparation of the Submission for the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee

- A. Upon receipt of the BCR and all other relevant supporting documentation by the Department, and registration of such BCR on the central registry system, the Department shall forthwith:
 - 1. Assign a Regional Project Manager to assist the Band in the preparation and finalization of the formal Submission required for the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee.
 - 2. Forward the BCR and relevant supporting documentation to FNMR in accordance with subsection 11.03(2), requesting information, in accordance with section 8.03, respecting the existence and location of any unregistered Public Utility

Easements, and shall further request the best available information in the possession of Saskatchewan respecting the existence and location of any Waterbody affecting the identified Land (other than a wholly enclosed Waterbody referred to in section 6.01), together with written information which clearly defines any issues with respect to the potential implications to Saskatchewan of the Submission.

Saskatchewan shall then review the Submission and as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event:

- (i) within 45 days of the receipt of such documents in the event that the identified Land, Minerals or Improvements are provincial Crown assets which Saskatchewan has agreed to sell pursuant to section 4.05 or section 5.03; or
- (ii) within 90 days of receipt of such documents in respect of any other property;

deliver the following information to the Department's Saskatchewan regional office:

- (a) If Saskatchewan identifies the existence and location of any Waterbody affecting the land which is not wholly enclosed therein (and which Saskatchewan has not agreed to transfer the related beds and shores), Saskatchewan agrees as soon as reasonably possible at its expense to supply to the Band and to Canada a correct registerable legal description for such Waterbody and any available information with respect to the acreage of each such identified Waterbody.
- (b) Provide information respecting the existence of any registered or unregistered Public Utility Easement in accordance with section 8.03.
- (c) Provide written information which clearly defines any other concerns or issues Saskatchewan has with respect to the potential implications of the creation of an Entitlement Reserve on provincial programs and services.

- B. The Band and the Project Manager shall prepare a Submission for the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee addressing the following matters:

- (i) completion of an Environmental Screening and, if necessary, an Environmental Review (the procedures of which are outlined hereafter);
- (ii) determination of all survey requirements;
- (iii) wherever applicable, satisfaction or extinguishment of all interests in Land (including Third Party Interests and Interests in a Mineral Disposition) in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule, and of Articles 4 - 9 inclusive, and Article 11 of the Agreement;
- (iv) correct legal descriptions for the Entitlement Land and, without limitation, identification of all Third Party Interests, Mineral Dispositions, and other encumbrances and Waterbodies affecting the same as contemplated in Article 11 of the Agreement;
- (v) the written record of consultations undertaken between the Band and the province and the relevant Rural Municipality to address concerns raised by the province and the relevant Rural Municipality, if any;
- (vi) if such Land, Minerals or Improvements have not already been acquired by or on behalf of the Band and competition for the same selection amongst Bands exists, an agreement between such Bands as to who will acquire the selection.

Upon finalization of the Submission (as determined between the Regional Project Manager and the Band), a further Band Council Resolution may, at the discretion of either party, be required to have the Band formally approve the final form and contents of the Submission prior to its delivery to the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee and, concurrently therewith, by the Department (together with such other title related documentation as the Department deems necessary or advisable) to the Department of Justice.

NOTE: The RDG may wish to proceed with a Submission notwithstanding the fact that the concerns of Saskatchewan or the Rural Municipality have not been resolved. In such an event, the Submission should be forwarded to the Department's Assistant Deputy Minister of Lands and Trust Services for review, along with the RDG's recommendations.

C. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Where the Band, via its Trustees, is planning to acquire or is in the process of acquiring Entitlement Land to be transferred to reserve status an Environmental Screening in accordance with these terms and conditions should be conducted *prior to the Land purchase* and not when the Band wishes the Entitlement Land to be transferred to Canada. **Should the Band, via its Trustees, elect to Purchase Entitlement Land prior to the Environmental Screening/ Environmental Review procedures contemplated herein, the Band shall bear the sole risk of any loss associated with the failure of the Land, Minerals or Improvements so Purchased not being transferred to Reserve Status due to the failure to meet any required environmental standards.**

ACQUISITIONS OF PRIVATE VERSUS PUBLIC LAND

Where the Band or, where agreed between the parties, the Band and the Department, is/are attempting to acquire privately owned Land, Minerals or Improvements, the allocation of environmental costs will normally be determined during negotiations over the purchase Price. The vendor may lower the Price if the Band agrees to assume responsibility for any required detailed site investigation and/or clean-up. Alternatively, the vendor may undertake to hire consultants and present the Band with an environmental report and a "clean bill of health", in which case there would be abatement of the Price.

The same reasoning will be applicable to the Purchase of Entitlement Land by or on behalf of the Band where Saskatchewan is the vendor. **It should be stressed that the Department will not agree to assume detailed site investigation and clean-up costs (beyond those Environmental Screening costs agreed to in the Agreement) in the event that Saskatchewan refuses to remedy environmental problems associated with provincial Crown Land.**

OUTLINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES

For each Submission a clear determination of any attendant environmental issues and liabilities must be made utilizing the following Environmental Screening or, where applicable the Environmental Review procedures before the Department will accept the transfer to Canada's administration and control of any Land.

NOTE:

- **Environmental Screening (Steps 1 - 3):** An Environmental Screening must be undertaken at the outset of a Submission and information gathering from these procedures should be submitted as part of the Submission to the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee. The Department will assume the reasonable costs associated with the Environmental Screening as contemplated in section 11.07 of the Agreement.

- **Environmental Review (Steps 1 - 5):** Note that Steps 4 and 5 will only be undertaken where required and should only be implemented once RDG Approval in Principle has been obtained.

- **Due to the fact that the Band may choose not to enter into an Agreement to Purchase, or an agreement in principle, as the case may be, with the owner of privately held land until unconditional RDG Approval in Principle has been obtained, the Department's Regional Office should, in such an event, together with the Band seek the vendor's co-operation before proceeding. Appendix F contains precedent clauses which may assist in making such request for vendor co-operation.**

- **Responsibility For Conducting Environmental Screening:** This includes Steps 1 - 3. Unless otherwise agreed between the Department and the Band, Steps 1 and 3 are to be undertaken by the Band representative and Step 2 is to be undertaken jointly by the Band and an officer from the Department's Lands and Trust Services.

Step 1: Land Use History

Information must be obtained on the existing and previous Land, Minerals or Improvements use. The vendor will generally be the primary source of information; however, the Council, local residents, provincial, regional, municipal or township authorities and the relevant land titles authority can also provide valuable data on the following:

- (a) name and description of any business that is, or has been, since 1940 conducted on or adjacent to such Land, Minerals or Improvements;

- (b) legal description of property and lot size;

- (c) a detailed description of all structures which are on the Land. Any structures which are on the Land that may have contained environmentally hazardous/sensitive substances must be identified in detail, (e.g., buildings, equipment, storage facilities, fuel tanks, etc.);
- (d) description of all present and former Land, Minerals or Improvements uses, including use by third parties (e.g. lessees); and
- (e) existing maps, surveys and/or aerial photos indicating buildings, facilities, equipment, man-made features, storage facilities and any natural features.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that in certain cases it may be reasonable to limit the scope of the information required. Any such derogation should only be done in consultation with the Department.

The Environmental Screening Checklist is found in Appendix B.

Step 2: Preliminary Site Visit

The site visit shall be conducted by an officer of the Department's Lands and Trust Services Unit and the Band, jointly, to identify visible (though undocumented) signs of contamination. A tour of the property and facilities should include noting Land, Minerals or Improvements uses on adjacent properties. Additionally, photographs may be taken to further document current site conditions if it is deemed necessary. The information obtained from the land use history should be used to assist those persons conducting the site visit.

Appendix C contains the Site Visit Checklist to be completed by an officer of the Department's Environmental Unit or designate with commentary, if any, from the Band representative.

Step 3: Searches of Public Authorities and Government Records

Searches should be conducted by the Band representatives with the following federal, provincial or local authorities:

- (a) routine real estate/title and execution searches including complete copies of all registered encumbrances affecting the Land, Minerals and Improvements and the registered owner;

- (b) business name/corporate records searches to confirm the legal name of any individual or corporate entity (including, in the case of a corporation, its shareholders and directors) under which other government records may be accurately searched; and
- (c) searches of government authorities, such as the federal and provincial environment ministries, the federal Department of Transport and the municipal works and fire departments of the relevant municipality to reveal, among other things, ownership by an entity known to have a "bad" environmental reputation. (For example, the federal and provincial environment ministries maintain records of reported spills as well as all orders, approvals and prosecutions issued under their legislation; the federal Department of Transport has records of who transports/stores dangerous goods; municipal works departments keep records of all sewer discharge violations and local fire departments maintain reports of spills and leaks of hazardous materials).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that in certain cases it may be reasonable to limit the scope of the information required. Any such derogation should only be done in consultation with the Department.

Upon completion of Steps 1 - 3 above, an officer from the Department's Environmental Unit shall prepare a recommendation on the environmental status of the land as outlined in Appendix E. A copy shall be forwarded to the Band before the Submission is delivered to the Regional Additions to Reserve Committee for review.

Step 4: Detailed Site Investigation

In the event that it has been determined that, in addition to completion of any Environmental Screening, a complete Environmental Review shall be undertaken, Steps 4 and 5 shall also be required.

This step will only be undertaken where:

- (a) Steps 1 - 3 identify:
 - (i) specific and potentially significant environmental problems associated with the site; or
 - (ii) likely or suspected contamination;
- (b) the vendor or the Band has agreed to pay for the cost of the detailed site investigation; or

- (c) the Department is otherwise willing to proceed with acquisition and is willing to contribute to or assume the cost of the detailed investigation.

In such a case, scientific testing and analysis of the property must be done by a technical consultant in order to determine:

- (a) whether the site is actually contaminated and, if so, the type and extent of the contamination (including the type and extent of contamination impacting on neighbouring property);
- (b) the need to clean-up such contamination and the extent of any remedial action required; and
- (c) where clean-up is required, the estimated cost of cleaning up the site.

The technical consultant's report should be prepared detailing the results of the detailed site investigation and addressing the issues of clean-up and costs thereof. As the consultant's reporting obligation is to his/her client, where the vendor hires the consultant a clause should be inserted in the relevant Land transaction documentation stating that both the Department and the Band will receive a full and unedited copy of the report. Similarly, where the Band hires the technical consultant, the contract must clearly provide that the Department is, in addition to the Band, relying upon the accuracy of the technical consultant's report and, further, that the Department shall receive a full and unedited copy of the report. Where a party other than the Band or Department has hired the consultant, the Departmental lands officer from the Environmental Unit should, in writing, request a copy of the report from the consultant, as this may give the Department legal recourse against the consultant in the event environmental hazards are later discovered which were not disclosed in the report.

The technical consultant's completed environmental report should contain at least the following information:

- (a) a detailed summary, with maps and charts, of all findings, including descriptions of the property, facilities procedures and methodologies used;
- (b) identification of type, source and extent of any contamination on site;

- (c) identification of any actual or projected health and/or environmental risks associated with contamination on site; and
- (d) where appropriate, a plan of remedial action, including options, estimated costs of clean-up and recommendations.

Step 5: Final Assessment/Monitoring Clean-Up

The technical consultant's report issued in accordance with Step 4, will identify the type and extent of any contamination on the property to be acquired, as well as the need for and projected cost of clean-up. Based on a review of the technical consultant's report, the Departmental lands officer from the Environmental Unit must choose one of the following:

1. Where there is no contamination the Department may continue to proceed with the transaction together with the Band.
2. Where insignificant contamination has been identified (actual or projected health and/or environmental risks are considered to be minimal) the Entitlement Land may be purchased (subject always to the fulfillment of all other terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, Trust Agreement and herein) on an "as is" basis as long as the Band:
 - (i) is fully apprised of the condition of the property;
 - (ii) has, by Band Council Resolution, approved the acquisition of such Land on an "as is" basis; and
 - (iii) has, to the satisfaction of the Department of Justice, released the Department from liability for any existing and future environmental claims which may arise in connection with, or as a result of, the current environmental status of the subject property, as such status has been determined as of the date the Entitlement Land is set apart by Canada for the use and benefit of the Band as an Entitlement Reserve.
3. **Where significant contamination exists and clean-up is required, the Department must exercise its option to terminate the Agreement to Purchase (or, in the event that the Band has entered into any such agreement without making Canada a party thereto, shall advise the Band that Canada will not accept the transfer of title and administration and control of the Land in question) *unless*:**

- (i) the Department has otherwise indicated in writing that it is willing to either contribute to or to assume the cost of clean-up;
- (ii) the vendor has agreed to assume the cost of clean-up and has provided evidence satisfactory to the Department, acting reasonably, that it is financially capable of honoring such a commitment; or
- (iii) the Band is fully apprised of the condition of the property and has either:
 - (a) by way of a membership vote conducted in a manner satisfactory to the Department acting reasonably, approved of the acquisition of the Land in question as a Reserve on an "as is" basis; or
 - (b) has posted sufficient cash or other liquid security with the Department to cover the anticipated cost of any required clean-up;

and, in either case, has agreed to pay for all costs associated with such clean-up and has executed a release satisfactory to the Department of Justice releasing Canada from liability for existing and future environmental status of the subject property, as such status has been determined as of the date the Entitlement Land is set apart by Canada for the use and benefit of the Band as an Entitlement Reserve.

4. **Once it has been determined that a clean-up of Entitlement Land is required, the Band must ensure that the property is given a "clean bill of health" *before* the Land may be transferred to the administration and control of the Department. Accordingly, where either the vendor or the Band undertakes the clean-up, the Department must, acting reasonably, obtain satisfactory evidence from the Band that a clean-up has been completed.** The responsible party should confirm the clean-up by letter to the Department, accompanied by a consultant's report detailing the procedures used and the final results of the clean-up operation. Where, in rare cases, the Department is responsible for clean-up, the Departmental lands officer from the Environmental Unit must ensure that a satisfactory clean-up has been completed. In all cases, the clean-up should be well documented and the documentation retained on file by the Band and the Department.

See Appendix B for Environmental Review Checklist which will summarize the information gathered from Steps 1 - 3 and 4-5. Also, see Appendix F for a sample clause addressing the question of clean-up.

STAGE 3: Regional Additions to Reserves Committee

The Regional Additions to Reserves Committee (in consultation where necessary with the Department of Justice) will review and report on the Submission within 30 days of receipt of such Submission. Such review and report will result in one of the following:

- A. A recommendation by the Additions to Reserves Committee for the RDG to grant an unconditional Approval in Principle; or
- B. A recommendation by the Additions to Reserves Committee for a conditional Approval in Principle by the RDG, which shall clearly list the conditions which the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee has, acting reasonably, determined must be met before the RDG should grant an unconditional Approval in Principle; or
- C. A rejection of the Submission with a written report from the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee to the Band clearly identifying the areas of deficiency in the Submission.

The Regional Additions to Reserve Committee will forthwith forward its report and recommendations to the RDG, for consideration in those cases where subsections A or B above are applicable.

STAGE 4: Approval in Principle

Upon receipt of a report and recommendations from the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee, the RDG, shall review and report on the Submission within 15 days. Such review shall result in:

- A. The RDG granting Approval in Principle for Entitlement Reserve status; or
- B. A conditional Approval in Principle, which clearly lists the conditions which the RDG, acting reasonably, has determined must be met before an unconditional Approval in Principle will be granted; or

- C. A rejection of the Submission by the RDG, with a written report to the Band clearly identifying the areas of deficiency in the Submission.

In accordance with subsection 11.03(3)(a)(iv), in the event of a rejection of a Submission by the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee or the RDG, the Band acting reasonably, may request in writing that the RDG and any appropriate officials of the Department (including, where necessary, the members of the Regional Additions to Reserves Committee) agree to meet with appropriate officials of the Band to further clarify or explain the basis for the rejection and compliance with such request shall not be unreasonably withheld.

STAGE 5: Acquisition of Land

In the case of an unconditional Approval in Principle by the RDG, the Band may, if they have not already done so, promptly proceed to acquire the Entitlement Land within 15 months of the Approval in Principle and, following such Purchase Canada shall accept the transfer of title from the Band to Canada in accordance with the terms hereof and the Agreement.

STAGE 6: Conclude Acquisition and Transfer to Canada

Once the Entitlement Land has been acquired and following the transfer of title to Canada (which transfer of title shall be conditional upon no additional and unresolved Third Party Interests or Mineral Dispositions having arisen subsequent to the Approval in Principle), Canada shall, at its cost, as soon as reasonably possible subject to prevailing weather conditions, carry out any required outer boundary surveys or obtain any other alternative legal description satisfactory to Canada.

STAGE 7: Order In Council

Once the acquisition and survey (or other legal description satisfactory to Canada) is complete, the Entitlement Land shall, in accordance with the Agreement, be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve for the use and benefit of the Band and the Department will cause to be prepared the necessary Submission to the Governor in Council (or, if applicable under Federal law, to the Minister) to give effect to such recommendation.

In the event that Canada accepts title to Land, Minerals or Improvements and, notwithstanding the Minister's recommendation to the Governor in Council that the same be set apart as an Entitlement Reserve, Entitlement

Reserve status is denied, then the provisions of section 11.05 of the Settlement Agreement shall be applicable.