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WITHOUT PREJUDICE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
as represented by
THE MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT
(hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

and

THE FOND DU LAC FIRST NATION,
THE BLACK LAKE FIRST NATION, AND
THE HATCHET LAKE FIRST NATION,
(hereinafter referred to as
"the Saskatchewan Athabasca Denesuline")

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Athabasca Denesuline assert Treaty and Aboriginal rights north of 60 degrees latitude and other relief in the case of *Louis Benoanie et al v. Her Majesty the Queen et al.* Federal Court Act No. T-3201-91 and claim relief in respect thereof;

WHEREAS Canada and the Saskatchewan Athabasca Denesuline ("the parties") wish to engage in without prejudice discussions aimed at fully and finally settling the issues raised in the litigation;

WHEREAS the parties recognize the need to consult or involve other groups to achieve a settlement, including the governments of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut and Denesuline organizations;

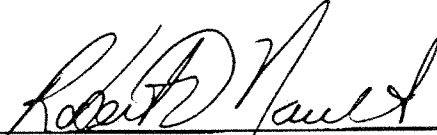
WHEREAS the parties desire that this document and any such discussions be protected by settlement privilege, and that they not create or recognize legally enforceable rights for either party, until any final settlement is achieved and signed, except as otherwise expressly agreed to between counsel;

THEREFORE the parties have agreed to engage in without prejudice discussions covering the following principal issues:

- (a) harvesting rights and related commercial benefits north of 60 degrees latitude;
- (b) concerns of the Saskatchewan Athabasca Denesuline with respect to the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement;
- (c) concerns of the Saskatchewan Athabasca Denesuline with respect to the Northwest Territories;
- (d) legal and negotiation costs; and
- (e) consultations involving other parties.

SIGNATURE


**FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA /
POUR SA MAJESTÉ LA REINE DU CHEF DU CANADA**



The Honourable / L'Honorable Robert Nault
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development /
Ministre des Affaires Indiennes et du Nord

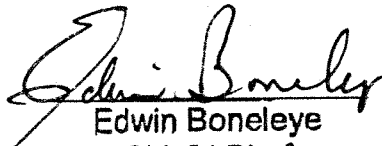
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**FOR THE FOND DU LAC
FIRST NATION / POUR
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FOND DU LAC**



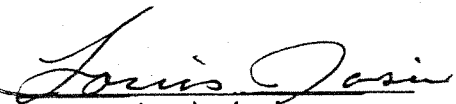
Eddie Martin
Chief / Chef

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BLACK LAKE**



Edwin Boneleye
Chief / Chef

**FOR THE HATCHET LAKE
FIRST NATION / POUR LA
PREMIÈRE NATION
HATCHET LAKE**



Louie Josée
Chief / Chef

DATE: 18 OCT. 2000