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Via Email: Michel Band #472 Leadership Team

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Dear Michel Band #472 Leadership Team:

Over the past eighteen months, Canada has received correspondence from multiple individuals claiming to represent the former Michel Band and their descendants, requesting Band recognition and dialogue to address a number of other issues. In the spirit of reconciliation, departmental officials have carefully reviewed the Michel file and Indigenous Services Canada wishes to enter into exploratory discussions with the Michel Band #472 Leadership Team to explore potential paths forward. Please note that we are also planning to extend the invitation to exploratory discussions with the Michel Band United for Justice Corporation and the “Michel First Nation 472 / Indian Band 132”.

I wanted to thank you for sharing your protocol agreement with Indigenous Services Canada. The Department sees the formation of the Michel Band #472 Leadership Team as a positive development and understands your desire to enter into meaningful preliminary discussions with Canada.

I wish to invite the Michel Band #472 Leadership Team to engage with Alberta Region officials in exploratory discussions in response to your requests. These exploratory discussions will be held on a without prejudice basis. Troy Chalifoux, Senior Negotiator, Manager, Negotiations Support – Alberta Region, will be leading the exploratory discussions on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada. If the Leadership Team is interested in participating in these exploratory discussions, then please contact Sheldon Cardinal ([Sheldon.Cardinal@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:Sheldon.Cardinal@sac-isc.gc.ca)) to coordinate the initial meeting.

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I understand that Troy Chalifoux has reached out to you to introduce himself and, given your unique history, we are looking forward to how this engagement unfolds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

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