2nd Thcho Assembly 15th Session Directive May 17, 2012

The 2nd Thcho Assembly held its 15th Session in Gamètì, on May 17, 2012 and approved the following:

1. <u>Dennison Road</u>

Government of Canada wants to do mine reclamation work and wishes to enter into discussions with Thcho Government concerning a possible road Right of Way Agreement over Thcho Lands associated with the past named "Denison Winter Road". At the 14th Session of the Thcho Assembly the Lands Department was authorized to enter into discussions with the Government of Canada concerning this proposed Right of Way agreement and to make recommendations to the Assembly at upcoming sessions.

The Lands Protection Department, with the assistance of legal counsel, have had discussions with the Government of Canada concerning this proposed Right of Way Agreement. There has been significant progress in addressing The Government concerns. A draft Right of Way Agreement has been produced by Canada for discussion. The Assembly approves the following:

- 1. Allowing Canada to access Thcho Lands by a Right of Way Agreement that meets Thcho Government concerns and requirements, and constitutes an "exceptional case" pursuant to 7(4) of the *Thcho Land Protection Law* (2004);
- 2. The Chiefs Executive Council (CEC) is authorized to finalize negotiations to conclude and execute a Right of Way Agreement, subject to satisfaction of CEC that Thcho Government concerns have been, in totality, adequately addressed.

2. Scheduling

- i. Assembly Workshop (Harmonization of Laws and Audit Review): June 25-26, 2012, Yellowknife
- ii. Dene National Assembly: July 3 5, 2012, Whatì
- iii. AFN Annual General Assembly: July 17-19, 2012 Toronto
- iv. 17th Session: September 18 20, 2012 Wekweètì
- v. 18th Session: November 27 29, 2012 Behchokò
- vi. 19th Session: February 12 14, 2013 Whatì
- vii. 20th Session: April 23 25, 2013 Gamètì
- viii. 9th Annual Gathering and 1st Session of the 3rd Thcho Assembly: August 6-8, 2013 Behchokò

Signature

Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus signed this Directive on May 17, 2012.