Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board Box 985 Smithers BC V0J 2N0

June 4, 2010

Liz Williamson Senior Land Officer Integrated Land Management Bureau Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Avenue Smithers BC VOJ 2N0

Re: File No. 6405671; Application to build a road to access private property on Seymour Ridge

Dear Ms. Williamson:

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) would like to thank you and Fred Oliemans for attending our meeting on May 11, 2010, to address some our concerns regarding the referral listed above. As a follow up to the discussion at that meeting the BVCRB offers the following:

- 1. Although some of the wording in the LRMP is centered around commercial activities, the BVCRB is of the firm belief that the LRMP is meant to apply to all activities that involve the use of Crown Land within the Bulkley TSA.
- 2. The BVCRB was encouraged to hear that precedence is not something considered by the Statutory Decision Maker when deciding whether to approve an application; and that each application is assessed based on its own merits. However, the BVCRB still harbors some concern regarding the precedence this approval sets, as once set we believe that precedence is hard to ignore.
- The BVCRB welcomes ILMB's suggestion that in cases where the Statutory Decision Maker must consider interpretations around the LRMP that they would utilize the BVCRB as a means to try to bring clarity around those interpretations. This would be especially useful for areas that are considered sensitive under the LRMP.

The BVCRB believes that the Bulkley Land and Resource Management Plan continues to be a key component to governing land use in the Bulkley TSA. We want to continue to work with ILMB and other Government Agencies so that its relevance can be maintained.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

Cc: Fred Oliemans, Acting Service Centre Manager, Skeena Region, ILMB