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To: The Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada

From: Gary Livingstone, President & C.E.O., MABC
Bill Giachino, Chairman, MSCCA
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Date: May 27, 1993

Re: Tatshenshini/Alsek -- "Haines Triangle"

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We, on behalf of the Canadian and British Columbian mining industry, compliment your Government's continuing position on the controversy surrounding potential mineral development in Northwestern British Columbia.

We are, however, extremely concerned about rumours we continue to hear regarding the inclusion of a significant portion of this region, the Tatshenshini/Alsek or "Haines Triangle", in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve or some other type of wilderness preserve. We are particularly sensitive to rumours that this "preserve" issue may be discussed at your meeting with President Clinton in early June. We seek your continuing support that economic development of resources, even in areas adjoining international boundaries, be the decision of Provincial jurisdiction. This territory contains the Windy Craggy mineral deposit, potentially one of the largest copper deposits in the world, as well as a significant cobalt resource. The deposit has been valued at \$8.5 billion in contained metal. A mining operation would employ 500 people directly and on the order of 1500 people indirectly for over 20 years. Windy Craggy itself has the potential for a significant expansion of reserves, and thus an extended life, while the surrounding area has additional high mineral potential.

An examination by the British Columbia Geological Survey in 1992 identified four other copper occurrences, each of which has the potential to become a new mine. The relatively small area around Windy Craggy, about 300 to 400 square kilometres, is believed to hold some of the richest and vital mineral potential in Canada. The combined mineral potential of this area could be worth more than \$40 billion to the citizens of Canada.

British Columbia has very stringent environmental regulations, and our Provincial Mine Assessment Review Process has become a model for the right way to permit new mine development throughout the world. The Canadian mining industry would not support any development in the Haines Triangle which would pose an environmental threat

The fact is that a mine development at Windy Craggy, occupying some 11 square kilometres, would, with the exception of a low use access road, not compromise the wilderness values of the 88,000 square kilometres of the Haines Triangle.

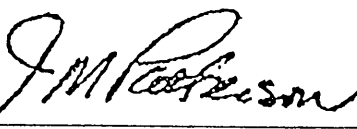
It would be of grave concern to the mining industry, and we think to others as well, if this area was to be placed in a wilderness preserve or park without the benefit of proper scientific and technical evaluations, including a comprehensive and unbiased benefit-cost analysis. Industry has long argued that if the decision-making process on land issues is to have integrity, it must be transparent, take all factors into account (economic and environmental), and be based on sound information.



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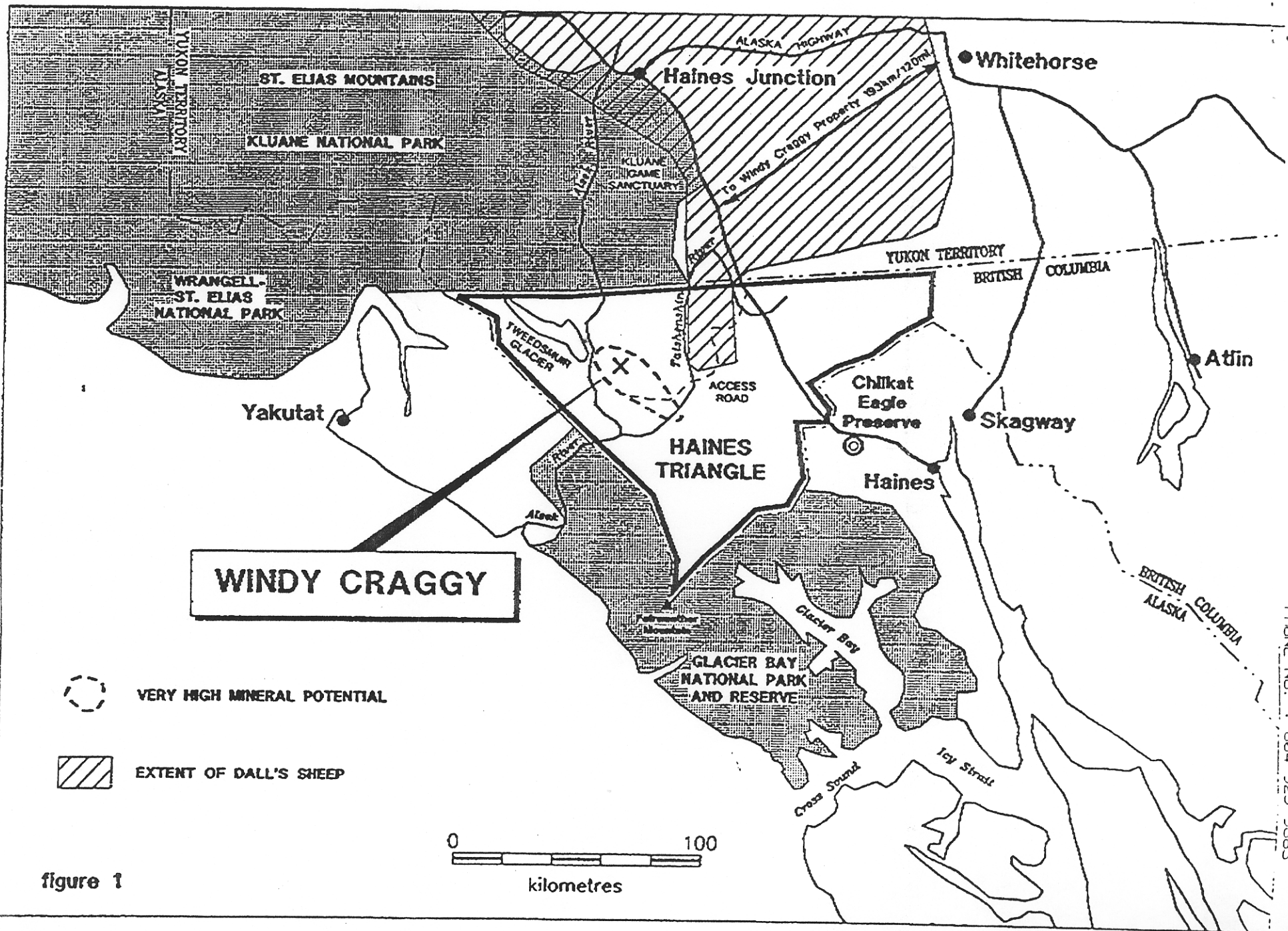


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