

# *Nahanni Butte Dene Band*

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Attention: Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director

" Samba K'e Dene Band's Land Use Plan Position Paper "

Ms Wiebe:

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band has reviewed the above position paper as prepared by the Samba K'e Dene Band. Samba K'e has very clearly identified and proclaimed the boundaries of their traditional lands and further have clearly articulated the Band's position on Resource Development within same Traditional Lands.

Nahanni Butte shares the same concerns as identified by Samba K'e and in particular the profound scarcity of financial resources to adequately address the mounting pressures from both Government, Industry and other groups.

Nahanni Butte also concurs with the position taken by Samba K'e that the rezoning request as put forward by the aggressive Acho Dene Koe leadership is just not acceptable. This rezoning has not occurred in a transparent or consultative manner and it is simply a move to expand their gas and oil operations on lands that have always been recognized as being associated with Samba K'e or Nahanni Butte.

The Leadership of Samba K'e developed their position paper by having open and transparent discussions with their membership on Land Use issues. Nahanni Butte has also convened similar public meetings in this regard to gauge public opinion and forge our position on Land Use. We have to question whether this consultation process has been equally employed by Acho Dene Koe in the defining of their ambitious rezoning Land use plan.

Nahanni Butte supports and endorses Samba's K'e Dene Band's position paper regarding Resource Development activities on their traditional lands.

Thank You



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