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Cook's Ferry Indian Band & Highland Valley Copper Sign Legacy Agreement

Spences Bridge, B.C.: Cook's Ferry Indian Band ("Cook's Ferry") and Teck Resources Limited ("Teck") today announced the signing of an agreement between Cook's Ferry and Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine ("HVC") to support reconciliation in respect to the historical transfer of four Cook's Ferry reserve lands to predecessors of HVC.

The Legacy Agreement was guided by Teck's and Cook's Ferry's mutual interest in facilitating reconciliation and in acknowledgement of *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* ("UNDRIP").

The Legacy Agreement is a forward-looking relationship building process that includes resources and workplans for Cook's Ferry and HVC to work toward closing the socio-economic gap and addressing cultural impacts related to the historical transfer of the former Cook's Ferry reserve lands. The agreement also sets a specific Cook's Ferry – HVC framework for meaningful engagement and communication to support implementation of the agreement.

"We recognize the unique heritage and culture of the Cook's Ferry Indian Band, their connection to the lands that constituted the reserve lands used for HVC, and our responsibility to respect the rights, cultures, knowledge and interests of Cook's Ferry," said Matt Parrilla, General Manager, Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations. "This agreement reflects our commitment to support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and to build strong and lasting relationships in the regions where we operate."

"Cook's Ferry is pleased to reach this important milestone and begin the process to address longstanding and ongoing adverse effects of the surrender of our four reserve lands for HVC. The resulting Legacy Agreement will assist Cook's Ferry to address the historic legacy of HVC on our way of life and provide a better future for our community," said Chief Walkem, Cook's Ferry.

The agreement intends to build positive legacies focused on the following priorities:

- Increase knowledge and recognition, and contemplation of future return, of the former Cook's Ferry reserve lands in the Highland Valley.
- Support priorities of Cook's Ferry and its Members including language learning opportunities, cultural practices and socio-economic opportunities.
- Foster additional agricultural and other business opportunities on Cook's Ferry reserve lands for the benefit of our Members and future generations.
- Support community wellness through access to traditional and spiritual sources of emotional support and counselling.
- Support access to water resources to support agricultural and socio-economic opportunities.
- Planning for the development of a purpose-built cultural center.

About Cook's Ferry Indian Band

Cook's Ferry is a government and right-holding community of the Nlaka'pamux Nation located in the Central Interior region of the province of British Columbia at Spences Bridge. Cook's Ferry is committed to creating a community that is strong and thriving, connected to our Nlaka'pamux language, culture and land, with sustained economic prosperity for future generations.

About Highland Valley Copper

Highland Valley Copper (HVC) Operations is located approximately 17 kilometres west of Logan Lake and about 50 kilometres southwest of Kamloops in British Columbia. Teck has a 100% interest in HVC. HVC produces both copper and molybdenum concentrates through autogenous and semi-autogenous grinding and flotation. Once processed, the metal concentrates are exported overseas, where the majority is sold under long-term sales contracts to smelters.

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