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### **Federal government gets it right; Prosperity Mine rejection a win for First Nations and a win for the Environment**

Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver – First Nations leaders are pleased with yesterday's decision by the federal government to again reject the Taseko Mines Limited (TML) New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine project proposal.

"We are extremely pleased that the federal government accepted the conclusions of the second federal review panel and clearly recognized that the tweaking of TML's original proposal did nothing to mitigate the potential for an environmental and cultural disaster", said Grand Chief Edward John of the First Nations Summit (FNS) political executive.

"We have seen two federal review panel processes and two strong rejections. It is undoubtedly time for TML, as well as the federal and provincial governments, to clearly recognize this is the end of the road for this proposed project once and for all", added Chief John.

"If industry and government are looking to do business in First Nations traditional territories, all they have to do is look at the Prosperity Mine proposals as a unequivocal example of how **not** to do business in this province. First Nations will not stand by and allow resource developments that ignore their interests and threaten both environmental and cultural destruction within their traditional territories", said Robert Phillips, also of the FNS political executive.

"First Nations around BC are congratulating and holding our hands up to the Tsilhqot'in and Secwepemc Nations and all those involved in helping to protect the pristine environment in central BC, in particular Teztan Biny (Fish Lake), which will now be preserved for future generations" concluded Phillips.

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

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