

FILE NO.: SCT-6004-12
DATE: 20161230

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL
TRIBUNAL DES REVENDICATIONS PARTICULIÈRES**

BETWEEN:)
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BLOOD BAND, ALSO KNOWN AS)
KAINAIWA OR KAINAI FIRST) Joanne F. Crook, for the Claimant
NATION, THE BLOOD TRIBE OR THE)
BLOOD INDIAN BAND)
As represented by the Chief and)
Councillors of the Blood Band)
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Claimant)
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- and -)
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT) Lisa D. Cholosky, for the Respondent
OF CANADA)
As represented by the Minister of Indian)
Affairs and Northern Development)
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Respondent)
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) **HEARD:** December 7, 2016

ENDORSEMENT

Honourable W.L. Whalen

A Case Management Conference (CMC) was held by teleconference on December 7, 2016, 2016, at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

[1] The Respondent reported that it had provided some of the additional documents and information requested by the Claimant and that it was still in the process of conducting research for the rest. The matter will be reviewed at the next CMC.

[2] The Claimant indicated that it was still in the process of engaging an expert, which it hoped would be complete by the end of January 2017. The delay was the result of the retirement of an expert the Claimant was in the process of retaining. Progress will be reviewed at the next CMC, with a view to the Claimant identifying its expert along with the expert's area of expertise and qualifications so that the Respondent can start thinking about a potential responding expert.

[3] The Parties have exchanged drafts of an Agreed Statement of Facts. The Respondent hoped to have the next draft to the Claimant by end of January 2017. The Parties will continue to work cooperatively on a Common Book of Documents and Agreed Statement of Facts, which will be finalized once document production is complete and expert reports are in hand.

[4] The Parties have exchanged drafts of an Agreed Statement of Issues. However, the Parties reported that a draft may not be finalized until the issue of bifurcation is resolved and the issues to be decided on during the validity stage are determined. The Tribunal advised that the Parties continue to discuss and make progress on this matter which will be reviewed at the next CMC.

[5] The Claimant reported that it will not likely need to call oral history evidence, although it does not waive its right to do so at this point.

[6] The next CMC will be held by teleconference on **March 7, 2017**, at 2:00 P.M., Eastern time (Ottawa).

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