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Mr. Richard Huziak, Chairman Saskatchewan Light Pollution Abatement Committee c/o RASC Box 317, RPO University SASKATOON SK S7N 4J8

Dear Mr. Huziak:

Thank you for your letters dated October 26, 2006 November 28, 2006 and received on November 6, 2006 and December 7, 2006 respectively, concerning the effects of light pollution and the impact of the "Teepee of Light" being proposed at the Whitecap Dakota Dunes Casino and Resort project.

Light pollution and light trespass are property rights issues under common law that has traditionally been dealt with through the courts and may also be regulated by municipal bylaw or band council resolution.

I encourage you to share your concerns with the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) as owner and operator of the casino and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation to work with them to address your concerns. You may contact them at:

Zane Hansen, A/President & CEO Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority 250 - 103 C Packham Avenue Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 4K4

Chief Darcy Bear Whitecap Dakota First Nation Site 507, Box 28, RR 5 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3J8 In regard to your meeting request, I have asked Mr. Scott Robinson, Senior Environmental Planner located in Regina to contact you. Mr. Robinson is available to participate in discussions at one of your meetings.

Yours sincerely,

John T. Nilson, Q.C. Minister of Environment

cc: Honourable Maynard Sonntag, Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations Honourable Glenn Hagel, Minister of Culture Youth and Recreation Mr. Scott Robinson, Saskatchewan Environment