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National Aboriginal Lands  
Managers Association (NALMA)  
1024 Mississagua Street  
Curve Lake, ON K0L 1R0

**Re: Letter of Support**

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association.

Since its inception in 2000, NALMA has successfully maintained a network of First Nation stakeholders and committed partners dedicated to the enhancement of professional capacity and technical expertise in the provision of Land Management services to First Nations.

NALMA has earned a reputation of taking a lead in raising professional standards in First Nation Lands Management. NALMA has appeared before both the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to provide technical comment on policy and legislation before the House.

As evidenced by the attached Resolution no. 27/2009, the AFN recognizes the valuable work undertaken by NALMA.

In addition, NALMA sits as an observer on the AFN-Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Joint Working Group on Additions to Reserve and has proved a valuable resource in this regard. Through their participation on this Joint Working Group we have witness first hand NALMA's proficiency in providing land management support to First Nations across Canada.

Given our professional experience with NALMA, we are confident that their organization has both the capacity and the commitment to support First Nations effectively.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you require any further information in this regard.

Respectfully,

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo,  
National Chief