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St'át'imc Territory - The St'át'imc Nation stands in solidarity with the Tsilhqot'in Nation regarding the injunction they filed on November 14 against Taseko Mines Ltd to halt its plans for extensive road-building, drilling, excavation of test pits, and timber clearing in support of its unprecedented and controversial resubmitted bid for approval of its soundly rejected Prosperity Mine project.

'We encourage other Indigenous Nations to unite against this project. This will send a message to the corporate world and Canada that our Nations are alive and well and willing to fight all necessary battles for the preservation of our land and cultures,' said Mike Leach, Chair of the St'át'imc Chiefs Council.

"The Federal Government apologizes for the atrocities that took place at residential schools which devastated our cultures, but yet they are now willing to continue the same atrocities by desecrating our lands for profit at the expense of our cultures for the sake of colonial prosperity."

"This is a battle that will be won by a united front established by our Indigenous Nations to make it clear to the colonial government of Canada that enough is enough. Our lands are not for sale and the Prosperity Mine Project will be defeated and laid to rest once and for all. To allow this project to go forward will perpetuate the colonial practices of Canada on our lands, which we cannot abide any longer. We will make the Prosperity Mine Project an example of the will of the people to stop such projects for the protection of our lands."

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