

Canadian Council for  
**ABORIGINAL  
BUSINESS**

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Dear Mr. Stewart,

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your membership with the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB). As the President and CEO for the CCAB, I would like to introduce myself to you. I have spent my entire professional career working on Aboriginal issues in the natural resource sector at the community and national levels. My experience working with Aboriginal communities, provincial and federal governments, industry and non-government organizations have helped shape my understanding of the challenges and opportunities that Aboriginal businesses have in front of them. Being of First Nation descent myself and working with my own Chief and Council and our development corporation over the past few years prior to joining the CCAB has sharpened my skills for which I am extremely grateful.

As an Aboriginal Business Member, it is *clear* you recognize the economic potential of Aboriginal - Corporate Canada partnerships. Canada has entered into an exciting time in its history. Aboriginal communities are exercising greater influence in the economy through access to land, resources and financial capital. The federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal governments continue to work toward resolving outstanding claims, which in turn offers a brighter future for those communities. In addition, Aboriginal entrepreneurs are stepping up to meet opportunities head on across all sectors creating sustainable businesses which contribute significant value to the Canadian Economy.

Please take the time to review the enclosed membership information package which outlines what you can expect from your membership. In a rapidly changing business world, we are committed to continually enhancing our current programs and providing new services that meet your business needs.

I look forward to discussing with you how the CCAB can help to meet your objectives. Thanks again - we would not exist without the generous support of our membership.

Sincerely,

JP Gladu  
President and Chief Executive Officer