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Mr. Gary Bonnel, Secretary  
Underground Coal Mining Safety Research Collaboration (UCMSRC)  
Canmet, Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories  
1079 Kelly Lake Road,  
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Dear Mr. Gary Bonnel:

As Chairman of Canadian Association of the Chief Inspectors of Mines, I am writing this letter on behalf of the Association to address the Chiefs decision with regard to Underground Coal Mining Safety Research Collaboration project " Training Project- Phase II."

On May 7, 2008, at the Canadian Association of Chief Inspectors of Mines meeting in St. Johns, NFLD, Mr. Muneer Naseer on behalf of the collaboration (as Mr. Dave Forrester who prepared the presentation was not able to attend the meeting) presented a proposal to pursue Phase II of the training project. The proposal discussed the Phase-I overview and results and presented a detailed work scope for Phase II. It is the understanding of the Chiefs that the Phase II of the project will work towards providing an overview of qualifications, training and competency requirements for personnel in underground coal mines in Canada; this will include the syllabus, qualifications, competency and experience requirements for a variety of positions like mine worker, supervisor and manager for underground coal mine. Not all the chiefs were present at the meeting but the chiefs who were present voiced their opinion.

I am please to say that a consensus was reached among the Chiefs to consider this proposal to be taken on by UCMSRC. It is requested that UCMSRC present an update on Phase-II to the Chiefs for their review and comment at the next annual chief meeting.

The Chief Mines Inspectors goal is to improve occupational safety and health in Canadian mines by facilitating the exchange of information and expertise between jurisdictions and other organizations involved with mining health and safety such as Underground Coal Mining Safety Research Collaboration Group. It is believe that the approach to this project will meet the intent of this goal.

The Chiefs would like to thank the Underground Coal Mining Safety Research Collaboration Group for its continued efforts towards health and safety of the underground coal mines in Canada and wish them success in the Asia Pacific Partnership projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reg Bennett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bennett, Reg (Chair)  
Canadian Association of Chief Inspectors of Mines