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## ***Wabauskang First Nation Reaches Agreement with Rubicon Minerals Corporation on Phoenix Gold Mine***

**Wabauskang First Nation  
Treaty 3  
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Wabauskang First Nation has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Exploration Accommodation Agreement with Rubicon Minerals Corporation in respect of Rubicon's exploration work in Wabauskang First Nation territory, including the proposed Phoenix Gold Mine near Red Lake.

"Our community is feeling positive that we have reached an agreement with Rubicon," said Wabauskang Chief Martine Petiquan. "This agreement provides the foundation for a long-term, mutually respectful relationship that recognizes and respects our Treaty rights and provides protection for our lands."

Under the Settlement Agreement, Wabauskang's lawsuit opposing the proposed Phoenix Gold Mine will be discontinued against Rubicon. Under the Exploration Accommodation Agreement, Wabauskang will receive benefits related to Rubicon's exploration work and will work with Rubicon to negotiate a long-term benefits agreement.

Wabauskang will continue to pursue the lawsuit against Ontario.

"Our lawsuit has always been about enforcing the Crown's obligations to respect our Treaty rights," said Wabauskang Councillor Doug Riffel. "Now that we have an agreement with Rubicon, we can focus on what really matters-- making sure that Ontario steps up and consults with us properly rather than hiding behind companies."

Wabauskang filed the lawsuit against Rubicon and Ontario in 2012 when Ontario approved a production Closure Plan for the proposed Phoenix Gold Mine without

properly consulting with Wabauskang.

“The issues at stake on this appeal go beyond Rubicon’s Phoenix project,” said Chief Petiquan. “This is about Ontario’s obligations to honour our Treaty.”

A decision on Wabauskang’s application for leave to appeal at the Court of Appeal is expected after November 20, 2014.

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