

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE VENTURES INC.

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Mr. F. Eric Fryar  
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Dear Eric:

Re: International Resource Ventures Inc. et.al.  
Vs Jean Boulle, Diamond Fields & Inco  
\$25,000,000 Settlement

It was a rough fight. You tackled and put on hold (until Justice was served) the largest mining merger in Canadian history: the Can. \$4.3 billion takeover of Diamond Fields by Inco.

Eric -- you faced the fire of adversity and prevailed due to your unique understanding of the law and refusal to be intimidated.

Through all the 'ups and downs' Anna and I remained confident in our cause as the Defendants were unable to lay-a-glove on the facts of your case and how brilliantly you articulated it.

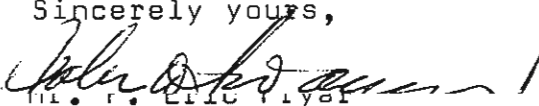
This forced the Defendants to resort to disruptive tactics and hand-to-hand combat; all the while you kept your cool and integrity. In the end they were no match for your legal expertise.

Please thank your very capable Associates. We also very much appreciate Holly J. Bodger's hard work and calming influence as she was in the line-of-fire.

Congratulations and continued success in your career.

Best wishes to Etta, Reed and Thomas.

Sincerely yours,

  
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