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## STATEMENT

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Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

### **Response to the Elected Councils Joint Statement on the Memorandum of Understanding on Wet'suwet'en rights and title**

SMITHERS – from the ancestral homelands of the Wet'suwet'en, Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs issued the following statement today:

“We welcome the confirmation that the Wet'suwet'en clans have completed their review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) we reached together on February 29, 2020 to affirm and implement Wet'suwet'en title & rights and have given their support to sign it.

“There is a great deal of work ahead of us in the negotiation process agreed to in the MOU, to lay out how we will implement rights and title and how we will work together, as clans and with the elected band councils.

“Given the recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer and the First Nations Health Authority to continue the physical distancing measures and avoid non-essential travel, we are seeking a virtual meeting with the elected councils the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

“We would like to build on the good work of the community-based dialogue that occurred in February 2020 before travel restrictions came in effect.

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