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Indigitel would like to extend our gratitude to ISED and its staff for creating this unique opportunity. By granting Indigenous communities access to spectrum, ISED is empowering unconnected Indigenous peoples with the means to make decisions that will shape their futures.

In today's world, internet access and mobile connectivity are no longer luxuries but essential for the growth and development of all communities. As representatives of 13 nations, we are honored to be part of this historic moment.

We acknowledge the valuable insights and questions raised by other contributors, many of which have addressed key issues. However, we wish to bring forward several additional questions that, in our view, have not yet been sufficiently addressed by our peers:

1. Will ISED consider economic reconciliation, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), rights and title recognition, and mandates from elected Indigenous bodies such as the Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and other relevant political organizations?
2. Who will be eligible to purchase spectrum? Will this include band councils, individual band members, or companies owned by band members? Clarification on this matter is needed.
3. How will ISED address situations where multiple bands exist within a single zone?
4. What will be the approach for bands whose territories span multiple zones?
5. When will spectrum become available for purchase?
6. When will additional spectrum be released, and will this include spectrums up to the 3900 MHz (5G) range?

Indigitel eagerly anticipates the outcomes of your deliberations and looks forward to continued engagement.

Sincerely,

The Indigitel Team