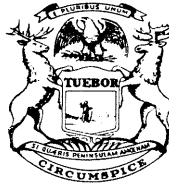


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Honorable Bill Schuette
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RE: Request for Opinion

Dear Attorney General Schuette:

The Menominee County Board of Commissioners during its October 28, 2010 meeting, passed a resolution asking the Menominee County Prosecutor's Officer to request an opinion from your office regarding the legal impact of the filing of a notice of interest on mineral rights attached to privately held land in Menominee County.

On December 19, 2000, V.M.S. Development Company, LLC. filed a Notice of Interest in the Menominee County Register of Deeds, Liber 416, pages 704-724. (Exhibit 1). This filing was an attempt to obtain mineral rights to privately held land in Menominee County.

The filing affects approximately 901 individual property owners covering approximately 51,000 acres of land in Menominee County.

When V.M.S. Development Company, LLC. filed this notice of interest, did it acquire any interest to the mineral rights?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,


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Cc: Administrator Brian Bousley
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