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October 23, 2025

Joe Sparling, President  
Air North  
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Re: Inquest into the death of Hugh Errol RIFFEL

Dear Mr. SPARLING:

Please find attached the Inquest Report into the death of Hugh Errol RIFFEL, which includes the comments from the Presiding Coroner, Michael Egilson.

Please be advised that this report and its recommendations has been posted on the Yukon Coroners' Service public website.

I would like to draw your attention to the Jury's Recommendations, all of which are directed to yourself as president of Air North:

***Recommendation #1***

***Ensure Air North and subsidiaries have a comprehensive emergency lockdown protocol for all facilities so that employees are informed about emergency situations in a timely manner, know who is in charge and have a secure space to go.***

***Recommendation # 2***

***Ensure that Air North and subsidiary employees are onboarded and participate in yearly emergency response drills including facility lockdowns and evacuation.***

***Recommendation #3***

***Ensure that staff parking is outside the secure area and any access to secure space is accessible with staff ID cards.***

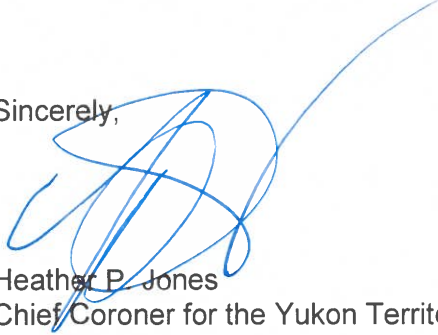
***Recommendation #4***

***Ensure that all work spaces have locks on doors.***

I ask that a response setting out intentions with respect to these Recommendations t be received by **December 15, 2025**.

Pursuant to Section 5(1)(o) of the *Coroner's Act*, this letter and any response or lack of response to the Recommendations will be made public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Jones', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Heather P. Jones  
Chief Coroner for the Yukon Territory

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