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Bogus Ballots Counted

Shareholders received a letter dated the 19th of September stating, in part: *“The Osage Minerals Council also voted to implement a process whereby all Osage headright holders (namely, those headright holders who are of Osage descent and who vote in elections for the Osage Mineral Council) are fully educated on the terms of the proposed settlement. Once fully briefed, you will be given an opportunity to express your views on the proposed settlement through a process that will canvass and tabulate the views of all Osage headright holders.”*

When you received your ballot it was accompanied by a letter dated August 26, 2011. The letter stated: *“Enclosed is the ballot I described in my letter of August 19, 2011, for you to express your position on the Osage Trust settlement.”* The letter also states: *“On August 17, 2011, the Minerals Council voted unanimously to preliminarily approve this settlement and to urge you, as an Osage Headright Holder, to support it.”*

You were told that you would be fully educated on the terms of the proposed settlement. You were not fully educated on the proposed settlement. To my knowledge the final settlement has not been completed as of today, September 25, 2011. You were provided a ballot that according to the letter would **allow you to express your position on the Osage Trust settlement.** You were told also that the voting process would simply **canvass** and tabulate the views of all Osage headright holders.

The actual **ballot** however **didn't ask** if your views supported the Osage Trust settlement. The ballot asked if you *supported the actions of the Osage Minerals Council in approving settlement of claims regarding the United States' alleged mismanagement of the Osage Tribal Trust Account and other Osage Trust Accounts and the Osage Mineral Estate.*

The Osage News online reported: **“BREAKING: Osage Minerals Council releases ballot vote count for the Osage Trust Case**

Settlement. Voting Yes: 3,364; Voting No: 19

Now that we have at least been provided a settlement agreement which was still in “draft” form on Friday, September 23, 2011; we have a good idea of what the Mineral Council is agreeing to. We should also take note that it is very odd that the letters you have received on this matter and the Ballot you voted on refers ONLY to the Osage Mineral Council and not the Osage Trust Team or the Osage Nation Executive Branch or the Osage Nation Congress. The reason you should find this odd is that the settlement agreement, the document of which YOU supported the Mineral Council Actions in approving, gives authority to the de facto Osage Nation Government to authorize the settlement of Osage Shareholder Assets; not the Osage Mineral Council and certainly not your rightful Osage Tribal Council government because it has been usurped by the illegally formed Osage Nation government.

The agreement acknowledges the 1906 Act

as being the driving force behind this Trust Claim. The United States Government (BIA), is responsible for the language in the agreement. The BIA is responsible for the Ballots provided you and the counting of the ballots and they clearly acknowledge on the Ballot and in the letters that the Osage Mineral Council is the legal, though short on a Chief and Assistant Chief, entity to make decisions for the Osage Tribe of Indians, federally recognized by the 1906 Act (federal law) as Osage Indians who own an interest in the Osage Mineral Estate.

The 1906 Act is what has held this Tribe together for over 100 years. The 1906 Act form of government was crafted by the United States Congress and is to consist of a Chief, Assistant Chief and 8 Council members. The purpose of the Osage Tribal Council form of government was to protect the Shareholder assets. You, the legal members of the Osage Tribe have had your rightful government stripped from you by way of a Hostile Takeover by this illegal (de facto) Osage Nation Government. As a result, this bogus settlement agreement written by and between the Osage Nation and the BIA, gives those voted into offices of this de

facto government by non-shareholders, the authority to make decisions regarding Shareholder assets.

Sad State of Affairs

Throughout the globe, integrity, honesty and dignity have been tossed aside as a result of greed. This is what we are witnessing here. The BIA and the de facto Osage Nation Government are spitting in the face of laws that are responsible for keeping the Tribe, the heritage and Osage future alive. They are attempting to deceive the Osage people once again by recognizing the de facto Osage Nation government as legitimate when throughout these documents we see where they know that the 1906 Act is the law of which we are to abide.

Contradictions are abundant in this agreement as it is stated without a doubt that the 1906 Act is the driving force yet the illegal Osage Nation government has authority over the assets of the legal members of the Osage Tribe, Osage Indians who own a headright share in the mineral estate. This is why your ballot and the letters you received mention ONLY the Mineral Council.

It is the actual agreement that gives the authority to the illegal government, those

who were elected by non-shareholders and in some cases, actual non-shareholders. Not only that but the agreement states: *“The Osage Trust Team has consulted with Osage Headright Holders at which representatives of the Osage Trust Team and its lawyers have explained the settlement set forth in this Agreement, and provided a summary of this Agreement to the Osage Headright Holders for review”*

Question: Did they explain to you that the de facto Osage Nation Congress would have to make a Resolution to approve the Mineral Councils decision? Did they tell you that the de facto Osage Nation Resolution states in (10b):

“In cooperation with the Osage Trust Team, the United States has conducted a canvass of Osage Headright Holders for approval of the terms of the settlement.”

Question: Did the ballot you received ask you if you approved of the **terms of the settlement**? NO. It asked you if you approved of the actions of the Mineral Council. You still to this day have not been provided the final settlement proposal. It wasn't until the 15th of September that the “draft” settlement was made

available online. Over 50% of the shareholders don't have Internet access and even if they did, there was no notice to make the people aware and even if there was notice, the Shareholders were encouraged to vote for the settlement in the letters dated back in August; specifically August 19 and August 26.

Question: Did they explain to you that the agreement states: *The Osage Nation Congress has considered and approved this Agreement and authorized the Principal Chief and the Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress, both of whom are members of the Osage Trust Team, to execute this Agreement?* Did they explain to you that the Osage Nation Congress, the Chief and the Speaker were voted into office by non-shareholders and that they naturally support the de facto government therefore support the hostile takeover of the Osage Tribal Council which was established in accordance with federal law? Did they explain to you that this settlement agreement is illegal and flies in the face of federal law?

Mineral Council Meeting

The Mineral Council will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be available on audio. They

will be voting to either support this settlement agreement or not support it.