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Resource Road Users,



RE: VIN (VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) COMPANY REGISTRATION & PLATING

The Okanagan TSA Road Safety Group has moved forward with the initiative to encourage all Industrial Resource Road Users to register with the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) and mount a Vehicle Identification Number plate on their vehicle. Major Licensees, Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MoFLNRO), Worksafe BC and other Industrial Users within the TSA that manage industrial safety on these roads endorse this program.

The VIN program was introduced more than 5 years ago, and has been adopted as standard operating procedure by most Licensees (including oil and gas, and mining operators) across northern BC. Because each VIN plate is unique, properly mounted VIN plates enable easy and consistent identification of vehicles using resource (and public) roads. Current VIN program users agree that presence of the VIN plate has made a significant contribution to increasing driver accountability, and encourages owners and operators to learn and apply local road use protocols and broader best driving practices. Registering VIN plates in the database enables proactive incident and close-call reporting. An effective reporting mechanism can, in turn, be used to improve estimates of the number and types of vehicles utilizing resource roads, and can help identify routes or locations where there are opportunities to reduce road hazards (e.g. through education, maintenance, scheduling, etc.). This will ultimately improve road safety for all road users.

As a Resource Road user, it is requested that you participate in this program by registering through the BCFSC with your own VIN(s) and mount a specifically designed plate to your vehicle(s). Attached you will find Plate Standards, mounting instructions as well as a quote and contact information from a local sign supplier.

Should you have any questions about the VIN Project, or to obtain registration forms and other details, you can visit the BCFSC website at:

http://www.bcfestsafe.org/Vehicle_Identification_Number_Program

or you can call BCFSC at 1-877-324-1212.

We appreciate your efforts to maintain a safe standard of work for all industrial users and the general public.

TSA Road Safety Group



VIN Plate Standards

The recommended VIN plate standard as per readability research completed by the BCFSC:

- **Plate Material** – 12 gauge aluminum, rounded corners preferred.
- **Plate Size** – 10 inch x 10 inch
- **Background** – Engineering grade, 7 year durability and yellow reflective vinyl background. (e.g. 3M Engineering Grade 3200 Scotchlite Reflective sign Vinyl Yellow No. 3271)
- **Border Width** – ¼ inch
- **Border Inset** – ¼ inch
- **Border Color** – Black
- **Font** – ClearviewHwy 4B
- **Font Size** – 3 inch
- **Font Placement** – Centered horizontally.
- **Top Line Text** – 3 alphabet characters – consider readability when selecting characters.
- **Bottom Line Text** – 3 numeric characters – consider readability when selecting characters.
- **Hole Placement** – Dependent on needs, do not have a hole through a character.

Mounting the Plate:

Plate is to be mounted to the front of the vehicle, centered on the bumper. The mount location must be easily viewable by oncoming traffic, if a suitable location can't be found on the bumper try the grill or bull board. Typically the easiest place to mount the plate is above an existing license plate.

The example drawings show multiple options for plate size and the number of characters. When deciding the letters (typically an acronym) for your plate please consider that three letters is generally more memorable and readable than other options (no more than 5). If you do choose to use more than three characters consider using words or letter combinations recognizable as words instead of acronyms or random letter combinations.

Example Drawings

