

**MANDAN HIDATSA ARIKARA NATION
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL**

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New Town, North Dakota – The Tribal Business Council of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) in response to recent events concerning the Nation and unlawful actions in and around the current oil & gas activity on our lands issue the following statement:

Media accounts regarding the tragic death of Doug Carlile, the potential involvement of James Henrickson and the oil & gas activity on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation have included references to the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) and Chairman Tex G. Hall and his company Maheshu Energy. The remaining members of the Nation's Tribal Business Council hereby state that neither the Nation nor the Tribal Business Council have nor had any business or personal relationship with James Henrickson, his company(s) nor any of the purported business associates, investors or employees involved in those enterprises.

Further, any business or personal relationships between James Henrickson, his company(s), or his purported business associates / investors were solely with Mr. Tex Hall and his company Maheshu Energy. At no time has the Nation engaged or contracted with any of the companies or individuals mentioned in recent news accounts.

The Nation extends its condolences to the Carlile family and to all persons who have been harmed by the actions of the individuals involved. The Nation will cooperate with any and all investigations into these matters in order to bring the individuals involved to justice.