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Chief Louis Balsillie
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Dear Chief Balsillie:

Notification of the Tłıchǫ All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

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If, after your review, you identify any potential impacts to your asserted Aboriginal rights that would occur as a result of the Project, please contact Melissa Pink, whose information is below.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the environmental assessment of the Tłıchǫ All-season Road, or how to participate in this process,

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please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at melissa.pink@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069 or Darren Campbell, Project Assessment Analyst, at Darren.campbell@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Seale

Director

Securities and Project Assessment
Department of Lands

- c. Matthew Spence
Director General, Northern Projects Management Office

Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



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Chief Felix Lockhart
Łutselk'e Dene First Nation
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Dear Chief Lockhart:

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Sincerely,



for Lorraine Seale
Director
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Director General, Northern Projects Management Office

Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



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President Clem Paul
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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear President Paul:

Notification of Tłıchǵ All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

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The Project is wholly located in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area but may still be of interest to you. For more information regarding the project, the GNWT encourages you to review the public registry for the environmental assessment at:

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If, after your review, you identify any potential impacts to your asserted section 35 rights that would occur as a result of the Project, please contact Melissa Pink, whose information is below.

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Sincerely,

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Director
Securities and Project Assessment
Department of Lands

c. Matthew Spence
Director General, Northern Projects Management Office

Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



North Slave Métis Alliance
President Bill Enge
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Dear President Enge:

Section 35 Consultation and the role of the Government of the Northwest Territories: Tłıchǵ All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

As you are aware, on July 21, 2016, the Mackenzie Valley Impact Environmental Review Board (the Review Board) referred the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) proposed Tłıchǵ All-season Road (the Project) to environmental assessment. The purpose of this letter is to outline the Project and the role of the GNWT as both proponent and decision maker, and to encourage your continued participation in the environmental assessment.

As proposed, the Tłıchǵ All-season Road will be 94 km and extend from Highway 3 to the community of Whatì. The road is wholly located in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area and will include 15 water crossings, four of which will be bridges.

As the proponent for the road, the GNWT, and more specifically, the Department of Transportation, is best able to answer your questions regarding project design and impact mitigation. The GNWT will continue to consult with the North Slave Métis Alliance throughout this environmental assessment to address any concerns that may arise.

As a participant in the environmental assessment process, there will be opportunities for you to communicate any concerns you may have regarding potential adverse impacts from the Project to both to the GNWT and to the Review Board. We encourage you to:

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- clearly indicate whether you anticipate adverse impacts on your asserted Aboriginal rights as a result of the Project, and if so, clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,
- support the Review Board's understanding of the evidence, including Traditional Knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

The GNWT and Government of Canada bear the responsibility for the duty to consult regarding any potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the Tłıchǫ All-season Road. The GNWT will be relying both on the consultative processes of the Review Board, and as the proponent for this project, its own bilateral consultation with Aboriginal governments and organizations, to fulfill its duty to consult.

Throughout the environmental assessment process the GNWT will carefully monitor and track all Aboriginal governments and organizations' statements of any potential adverse impacts on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. We will assess whether any potential adverse impact on these rights have been meaningfully and completely addressed and ensure that we have met our duty to consult before any decision under section 130 of the MVRMA is made regarding the Project.

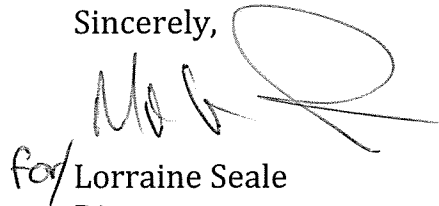
The GNWT's Minister of Lands has the delegated environmental assessment decision-making authority for this project.¹ The ministers of other relevant GNWT and federal departments will participate in the environmental assessment decision-making process; the Tłıchǫ Government will also will also exercise their decision-making authority related to the Project. The Department of

¹ For projects located wholly on non-federal land, under the Devolution Final Agreement, the Minister of Lands has the delegated environmental assessment decision authority under section 130 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA).

Transportation and its Minister, as the department leading the GNWT in the role of the proponent, will not participate in the environmental assessment as a decision-maker.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the environmental assessment of the Tłıchq All-season Road, or how to participate in this process, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at melissa.pink@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069 or Darren Campbell, Project Assessment Analyst, at Darren.campbell@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

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- c. Matthew Spence
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Dear Presidents:

Notification of the Tẖcẖo All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

On July 21, 2016, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) referred the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) proposed Tẖcẖo All-season Road (the Project) to environmental assessment. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the environmental assessment of this Project. By way of further background, the GNWT's Department of Transportation previously wrote to you in May, June and September of 2015 and March of 2016 in preparation for submitting the application to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board. We note that no correspondence was received from the Northwest Territories Métis Nation in response to those initial notification letters.

The Project is wholly located in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area but may still be of interest to you. For more information regarding the project, you are encouraged to review the public registry for the environmental assessment at:

http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=958

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If, after your review, you identify any potential adverse impacts to your asserted Aboriginal rights that may occur as a result of the Project, please contact Melissa Pink, whose contact information can be found below. The GNWT and the Government of Canada bear the responsibility for the duty to consult regarding any potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the Tẖchq̱ All-season Road. The GNWT will be relying both on the consultative processes of the Review Board, and as the proponent for this project, its own bilateral consultation with Aboriginal governments and organizations, to fulfill its duty to consult

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the environmental assessment of the Tẖchq̱ All-season Road, or how to participate in this process, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at melissa.pink@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069 or Darren Campbell, Project Assessment Analyst, at darren.campbell@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

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Executive Director, Northwest Territory Métis Nation



OCT 07 2016

Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus
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Dear Grand Chief Erasmus:

Section 35 Consultation and the role of the Government of the Northwest Territories: Tłıchǫ All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

As you are aware, on July 21, 2016, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) referred the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) proposed Tłıchǫ All-season Road (the Project) to environmental assessment. This letter follows up on our August 10, 2016 letter to the Review Board, which outlines the role of the GNWT as both proponent and decision-maker, and takes into account the August 17, 2016 Tłıchǫ Government's letter to the Review Board outlining your role as intervenor and decision-maker.

As you are also aware, the proposed Tłıchǫ All-season Road will be 94 km and extend from Highway 3 to the Community of Whatì. The road is wholly located in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area and will include 15 water crossings, four of which will be bridges.

The GNWT has worked closely with the Tłıchǫ Government over the past 10 years to achieve a Project that meets the needs of the community of Whatì and respects the input of Tłıchǫ members. We appreciate the time and efforts the Tłıchǫ Government have already invested in this Project. As the proponent for the road, the GNWT, and more specifically, the Department of Transportation, is best able to answer your questions regarding project design and impact mitigation. The GNWT will continue to consult with the Tłıchǫ Government throughout this environmental assessment to address any concerns that may arise.

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The GNWT and Government of Canada bear the responsibility for the duty to consult regarding any potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the Tẖcẖq̱ All-season Road. The GNWT will be relying both on the consultative processes of the Review Board, and as the proponent for this project, its own bilateral consultation with Aboriginal governments and organizations, to fulfill its duty to consult.

As an intervenor in the environmental assessment process, there will be opportunities for you to communicate any concerns you may have regarding potential adverse impacts from the Project to both to the GNWT and to the Review Board. We encourage you to:

- clearly indicate whether you anticipate adverse impacts on your established Treaty rights as a result of the Project, and if so, clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,
- support the Review Board's understanding of the evidence, including Traditional Knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

Throughout the process the GNWT will carefully monitor and track all Aboriginal governments and organizations' statements of any potential adverse impacts on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. We will assess whether any potential adverse impact on these rights have been meaningfully and completely addressed and ensure that we have met our duty to consult before any decision is made under section 130 of the MVRMA regarding the Project.

The GNWT's Minister of Lands has the delegated environmental assessment decision-making authority for this project.¹ The ministers of other relevant GNWT and federal departments will participate in the environmental assessment decision-making process.

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GNWT is aware that the Tłıchǵ Government will have decision-making authority under section 131 of the MVRMA, and the responsible ministers will work with the Tłıchǵ Government as appropriate during the decision period. The Department of Transportation and its Minister, as the department leading the GNWT in the role of the proponent, will not participate in the environmental assessment as a decision-maker.

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Dear Chiefs:

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