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Dear Chiefs:

**RE: Participation in the Tłı̨chọ All Season Road Project Environmental
Assessment (EA1617-01 [2016])**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (the "Developer") has applied to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board ("WLWB") for the required Land Use Permit and Water Licence to develop the Tłı̨chọ All Season Road (the "Project"), a 94 kilometer all season road from NWT Highway three to Whatı. On July 21, 2016, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board ("MVEIRB" or the "Review Board") referred the Project to environmental assessment ("EA").

The Project is wholly located within the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area and is within Treaty 11 territory. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage Deh Cho First Nations to participate in the EA process and any related engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA, a variety of opportunities are available for potentially affected Indigenous groups to communicate any concerns to the Review Board, including during scoping sessions, technical review and public hearing phases of the EA. When providing such input, groups are encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on their established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,
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- fully understand the nature and scope of the Project;
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If you have any questions or wish assistance in contacting the Developer, please contact Adrian Paradis, Senior Project Manager ((867) 669-2595; Adrian.Paradis@CanNor.gc.ca).

The Government of Canada looks forward to your representatives actively participating in the EA, regulatory processes and related engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,



For Matthew Spence
Director General
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cc: Kate Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Coordination, Department of Lands, Government of the Northwest Territories

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Dear President:

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The location of the proposed Project is within the area that the North Slave Métis Alliance ("NSMA") has previously asserted Aboriginal rights. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the NSMA to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as any engagement efforts of the Developer.

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Dear Grand Chief:

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