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Mark Cliffe-Phillips Executive Director Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board P.O. Box 938 YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

## Re: Tłįchǫ Government participation in the Tłįchǫ All-Season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

This letter is to provide clarity to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board ("MVEIRB") on the role of the Tłįcho Government in Environmental Assessment EA 16-17-01.

Although Tłįcho Government has been working in collaboration with the project proponent, Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Transportation ("DOT"), to provide input on the applications being developed by DOT, Tłįcho Government seeks to clarify that it is not the proponent of this project.

The Tłıcho Government will act as an intervener, or party, to this proceeding and provide input to the process at the points established by MVEIRB in its work plan. We look forward to receiving more detail on this process in the near future, including the process the MVEIRB will carry out to discharge its responsibilities under section 22.2.11 of the Tłıcho Agreement.

Following the completion of the Environmental Assessment process by MVEIRB, the Tłįchǫ Government, through our Chief Executive Council, and working with the Government of the Northwest Territories, will exercise our decision-making authority and statutory powers in accordance with section 22.2.29 of the Tłįchǫ Agreement and section 131.1 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

If there are any questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Tłįchǫ Government please do not hesitate to contact Zabey Nevitt (Senior Advisor, Sustainability and Resource Management), at 867.445.9959 or zabeynevitt@tlicho.com.

Sincerely,

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