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Ms. JoAnne Deneron Chairperson Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board PO Box 938 YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7

Via facsimile: 867-766-7074

Dear Ms. Deneron:

Thank you for your letter of September 3, 2015, received on September 8, 2015, regarding a request for updates on environmental assessment measures for barren ground caribou on operating mines in the Northwest Territories by September 9, 2015. I understand that this information will be considered by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board during its current environmental assessment of the Jay Project.

In order to respond to your request, more time will be required to assess the measures and respond as appropriate, considering most lands and waters responsibilities in the Northwest Territories were transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories. It is my intention to respond to your request before the end of September.

Yours sincerely,

Colleen Swords

c.c.: Mr. Ernie Campbell

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