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February 1, 2016

**VIA Email & Fax**

Stanley Anablak, President  
Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
P.O. Box 18  
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Mr. Anablak,

In its February 1, 2016 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (REA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board or MVEIRB) has recommended to the Minister of Lands – Government of the Northwest Territories that the Jay Project (the Project) proceed to regulatory processes for licensing and permitting, subject to the prescribed measures that the Board found will address any significant adverse impacts on the environment that may result from the Project.

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Please provide your written comments directly to NPMO's A/Project Manager, [Sarah.Robertson@CanNor.gc.ca](mailto:Sarah.Robertson@CanNor.gc.ca), by March 2, 2016. If you have questions about the process outlined above, you may contact her at (867) 669-2601. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence  
Director General  
Northern Projects Management Office

cc: Mark Hopkins, Director General, Natural Resources and Environment Branch,  
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Chief Louis Balsillie  
Deninu Kue First Nation  
P.O. Box 1899  
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Chief Balsillie,

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Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus  
Tłı̨ch̨ Government  
P.O. Box 412  
Behchoko, NT X0E 0Y0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Grand Chief,

In its February 1, 2016 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (REA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board or MVEIRB) has recommended to the Minister of Lands – Government of the Northwest Territories that the Jay Project (the Project) proceed to regulatory processes for licensing and permitting, subject to the prescribed measures that the Board found will address any significant adverse impacts on the environment that may result from the Project.

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As the federal Crown Consultation Coordinator for the Project, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) is seeking to confirm, by way of this letter, whether the outcome of this environmental assessment, which includes the measures in the REA as well as the Project developer's commitments, addresses your concerns regarding potential adverse impacts on Tłı̨ch̨ Section 35 Rights.

The NPMO invites you to identify the potential adverse impacts of the Project on Tłı̨chǫ Section 35 rights that may not have been addressed by the REA.

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Chief Felix Lockhart  
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
P.O. Box 28  
Lutsel K'e, NT X0E 1A0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Chief Lockhart,

In its February 1, 2016 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (REA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board or MVEIRB) has recommended to the Minister of Lands – Government of the Northwest Territories that the Jay Project (the Project) proceed to regulatory processes for licensing and permitting, subject to the prescribed measures that the Board found will address any significant adverse impacts on the environment that may result from the Project.

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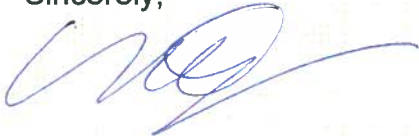
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The NPMO invites you to identify the potential adverse impacts of the Project on Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation established or asserted Section 35 rights that may not have been addressed by the REA.

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Chief Ernest Betsina  
Chief Edward Sangris  
Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
P.O. Box 2514  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Chiefs,

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The NPMO invites you to identify the potential adverse impacts of the Project on Yellowknives Dene First Nation established or asserted Section 35 rights that may not have been addressed by the REA.

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Bill Enge, President  
North Slave Métis Alliance  
P.O. Box 2301  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Mr. Enge,

In its February 1, 2016 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (REA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board or MVEIRB) has recommended to the Minister of Lands – Government of the Northwest Territories that the Jay Project (the Project) proceed to regulatory processes for licensing and permitting, subject to the prescribed measures that the Board found will address any significant adverse impacts on the environment that may result from the Project.

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Arthur Beck, President  
Fort Resolution Métis Council  
P.O. Box 1921  
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental  
Assessment on the Jay Project (EA1314-01 [2013])**

Dear Mr. Beck,

In its February 1, 2016 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (REA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board or MVEIRB) has recommended to the Minister of Lands – Government of the Northwest Territories that the Jay Project (the Project) proceed to regulatory processes for licensing and permitting, subject to the prescribed measures that the Board found will address any significant adverse impacts on the environment that may result from the Project.

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