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18 July, 2019

Dear JoAnne Deneron, Chairperson,

RE: Fort Resolution Métis Council Request Regarding Community Member Participation in Upcoming Community Hearings for the Environmental Assessment of the Processed Kimberlite to Mine Workings Proposal (MVEIRB File No.: EA1819-01)

Fort Resolution Métis Council (FRMC) is writing to enquire about opportunities for our members to speak directly with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB or the Board) in relation to the above-noted environmental assessment. As the Project is within our Traditional Territory and our members have expressed concerns about existing and likely future impacts in relation to the Project, we are seeking any opportunity that will allow our members to fully participate and express their views on the Project directly to the Board.

We do agree and support the decision to hold community hearings in Behchokò and Dettah, however, FRMC would also like to extend an invitation to the Board to visit our community as well. FRMC is able to host a community hearing in Fort Resolution on any date the week before or after the scheduled hearing dates. Facilities can be made available to accommodate this, and FRMC staff and contractors are available to help with arrangements and logistics.

As noted in our IR responses and other filings, FRMC members practice their culture and rights in the Project Area and therefore require direct engagement with the Board in order for the Board to properly understand our perspectives, concerns and values associated with the Project and the Project-affected area. FRMC members are concerned that there will be limited opportunity, and a low comfort level, to participate in sessions held in someone else's community.

If for any reason, it is not possible for the Board to visit our community, please provide further information on how our members can participate in planned community hearings or any other opportunities (in addition to the technical hearing in Yellowknife) for our Knowledge Holders to communicate directly with the Board.

Please consider this request prior to the next pre-hearing conference to be held in August.

We look forward to our continuing participation in this environmental assessment review process.

Thank you,



Lloyd Cardinal
Fort Resolution Métis Council
President