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Dear Mr. Toogood:

EA1213-02 Mackenzie Valley Highway Project

The Department of Infrastructure is providing this letter as an update on the status of the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) Project.

The Department is pleased to report that the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada have identified funding to allow further work to occur on advancing this project. The Department is in the process of preparing a plan for moving this project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) forward to the preparation and submission of the Developer's Assessment Report in a manner consistent with the Terms of Reference issued by the Board on February 13, 2015. Once this plan is completed, the Department will update the Board further on our anticipated timelines.

While the Department of Infrastructure will be proceeding with this EA, components of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) operations and maintenance will continue to be handled separately and outside of the scope of the EA. The MVWR work will include the repair, installation, replacement and construction of bridges along the winter road alignment, including the construction of the Great Bear River Bridge. In addition to work on the MVWR, there may be local community-based initiatives along the proposed highway alignment that could be the subject of future regulatory applications.

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For future communications regarding the MVH, please contact either myself at [sonya saunders@gov.nt.ca](mailto:sonya.saunders@gov.nt.ca) or 767-9082 ext. 31335 or Joe Acorn, Manager, Environmental Affairs - MVH at [joe acorn@gov.nt.ca](mailto:joe.acorn@gov.nt.ca) or 767-9082 ext. 31029.

Yours truly,



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