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DEC 14 2015

George Miller, Chair
Kaska Dena Council
PO BOX 9
LOWER POST, BC V0C 1W0

Dear Mr. Miller:

Participation in the Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited's Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project Environmental Assessment (EA1516-01)

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Sincerely,

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Terry Hall
Director
Land Use and Sustainability

- c. Chief Jack Caesar, Ross River Dena Council
Chief Daniel Morris, Liard First Nation
Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental
Impact Review Board
Matt Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office



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Grand Chief Herb Norwegian
Dehcho First Nations
PO BOX 89
FORT SIMPSON, NT X0E 0N0

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- c. Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge, Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation
- Chief Gladys Norwegian, Jean Marie River
- Chief Lloyd Chicot, Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation
- Acting Chief Steven Jose, Liidlil Kue First Nation
- Chief Michael Matou, Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Chief Dolphus Jumbo, Sambaa K'e Dene Band
- Chief Courtney Cayen, West Point First Nation
- Chief Tim Lennie, Pehdzeh Ki First Nation
- Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- Matt Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office

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Ms. Ethel Blondin-Andrew
Chairperson
Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
PO BOX 155
DÉLÎNÉ, NT X0E 0G0

Dear Ms. Blondin-Andrew:

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- c. Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band Council
- Ayoni Keh Land Corporation
- K'asho Got'ine Community Council
- Xahweguweh/Yamoga Land Corporation
- Fort Good Hope Métis Local #54
- Délıne First Nation
- Délıne Land/Financial Corporation
- Norman Wells Land Corporation
- Tulita Band Council
- Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat
- Tulita Land Corporation
- Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- Matthew Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office



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VIA FAX

Chief Simon Mervyn and Council
First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun
PO BOX 220
MAYO, YT Y0B 1M0

Dear Chief Mervyn:

Environmental Assessment of Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited's Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (EA1516-01)

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (the GNWT) is writing to you in reference to the environmental assessment (EA) and anticipated regulatory processes for the proposed Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited's Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (the Project).

The Project area appears to be outside of Na-cho Nyak Dun's claim into the Northwest Territories, however the Project may still be of interest to you. As such, this letter serves to notify Na-cho Nyak Dun of the Project. For more information regarding the project, you are encouraged to review the public registry for the EA at:

http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project_detail.php?project_id=949&doc_stage=0

If, after your review, you identify any potential impacts to caribou harvesting related to the Project as proposed, you are encouraged to contact the GNWT personnel identified below. Please also note that the developer is the best source of information on the proposed Project.

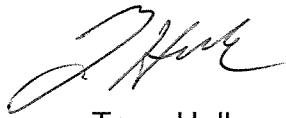
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Mr. James Wilson
President
Gwich'in Tribal Council
PO BOX 1509
INUVIK, NT X0E 0T0

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Given that the Project area is outside of the Gwich'in Settlement Area but within the Treaty 11 area, the Project may be of interest to you. As such this letter serves to notify the Gwich'in Tribal Council of the Project. For more information regarding the project, you are encouraged to review the public registry for the EA at:

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Chief Harry Deneron
Acho Dene Koe First Nation
GENERAL DELIVERY
FORT LIARD, NT X0G 0A0

President Ernie McLeod
Métis Local 67
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FORT LIARD, NT X0G 0A0

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