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Distribution

Dear Parties:

Re: Pre-Hearing Conference for Ur Energy Screech Lake Environmental Assessment

In preparation for the public hearing scheduled for January 16, 2007 in Lutsel K'e the MVEIRB is hosting a pre-hearing conference on December 13, 2006 as indicated in the work plan.

The main purpose of a pre-hearing conference is to set the agenda for the hearing and to clarify the process for preparing for the hearing. In previous assessments the pre-hearing conference was also a venue to determine unresolved issues and separate them from issues that need not be addressed at the hearing. Given that the responses to information requests may not be available prior to the conference the MVEIRB does not expect parties to be prepared to resolve issues.

Questions and topics that may be discussed include:

- time requirements for presentations;
- order of presentations (e.g. when will public be given opportunity to address the board, should there be a specific time slot for elders, etc);
- are there any special technical requirements;
- is there opportunity for parties to resolve some issues prior to the hearing;
- timelines for submitting presentations or any other documents; and
- any process related questions parties may have.

Parties should indicate at the meeting if they will be making a presentation at the hearing and provide an approximate estimate of the time they require. This will help the MVEIRB to determine if additional hearing time may be required. The meeting will be conducted via telephone conference and will be run by MVEIRB staff; board members will not be present.

The pre-hearing conference is scheduled to start at 9 am mountain time December 13, 2006. A tentative agenda is attached. To participate in the pre-hearing conference dial 1-866-512-0904. When prompted enter 440784 as participant code. There is no limit to the number of participants and pre-registration is not required. A brief notice from parties who are planning to participate would be appreciated. Parties who are planning to participate in the hearing but are unable to attend the pre-hearing conference should contact the MVEIRB prior to December 13, 2006.

If you have any questions regarding the pre-hearing conference, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 1-866-912-3472 (from Yellowknife or outside the 867 area please use 867-766-7053) or by e-mail at mhaefeale@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely

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