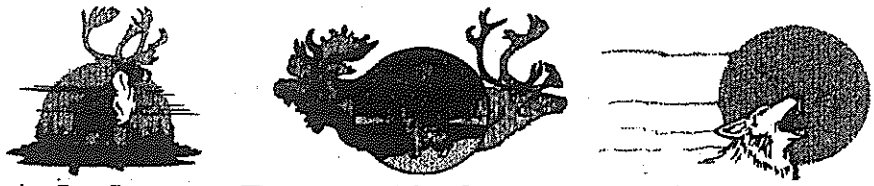

Athabasca Denesuliné Negotiation Team

March 17, 2008

Via fax: 867-766-7074

Patrick Duxbury
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

RE: Draft Terms of Reference for Dezé Energy Corporation's proposed Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Duxbury,

Please accept the Athabasca Denesuline's comments regarding the above noted project. Our response is made without prejudice to our ongoing negotiations with Canada.

Athabasca Denesuline territory parallels the range of the caribou herds that our people have relied upon for more than 8,000 years; including the southern Northwest Territories. Therefore, any potential disturbance to the caribou is potential risk to the Athabasca Denesuline identity. The proposed project area coincides with hunting, trapping and fishing sites, sacred areas, archaeological sites and travel routes used by our people. We notice that these traditional values are covered within the term of reference. We may offer further information at a later point in the regulatory / environmental review process.

Although our communities are located in Saskatchewan, we are active land users and knowledgeable about the land in our traditional territories in the Northwest Territories. Therefore, at this time we are concerned that the terms of reference do not address possible socio-economic benefits for the Athabasca Denesuline, including short and long-term employment opportunities and environmental monitoring.

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Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the Terms of Reference. We encourage a response from MVEIRB to show if / how our comments are incorporated into their review process.

Yours Sincerely,

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