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November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear Ms. Testart:

**Re: TALTSON EXPANSION PROJECT - Construction Methods Update**

The Project design and refinement process occurring in response to the environmental assessment process is nearing completion, as is the preparation of the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR). The assessment of Project transmission line Right-of-Way (RoW) effects included the involvement of constructors with significant transmission line installation experience throughout Canada. Their input has resulted in a refinement of the transmission line construction method.

As a result of the Project detailing and refinement process occurring in response to the MVEIRB EA process, it is now apparent that temporary access trails within the transmission line RoW will be needed for adequate safe site access. The temporary access trails will connect the staging areas to the transmission line route RoW. The trails will be approximately 5 metres wide and will allow small-vehicle access along the transmission line route. These temporary trails would be contained within the transmission line RoW, except where detours around topographic features are required. Temporary trails would be used both within the boreal and tundra sections of the transmission line route, and would transport workers and materials.

Transmission line construction will employ a blend of selective vegetation clearing including hand and mechanized methods. Most of the boreal section of the transmission line RoW will be mechanically cleared to the ground, for a total width of 15 to 30 m. Other areas along the RoW will be selectively hand cleared, such as within the proposed East Arm National Park boundaries, or where topography makes temporary access roads difficult to build and maintain. In these areas, construction would be entirely by helicopter, all vegetation below 3 m in height would be retained and no temporary access trails would be constructed.

The Dezé Energy Corporation will provide the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) an assessment of the refined Project's impact on the environment in the forthcoming DAR.

Sincerely,

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