

EA1415-01

March 29, 2017

To: Parties:

**Re: EA1415-01 – Prairie Creek Mine All Season Road Project, participation of Board Member Bertha Norwegian in public hearings**

Ms. Bertha Norwegian is a Board Member with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). Ms. Norwegian plans to participate as a Board member in the upcoming Prairie Creek Mine All Season Road Project public hearings in Nahanni Butte and Fort Simpson, April 24-28, 2017.

Dehcho First Nations is an active party in this environmental assessment and will participate in the public hearings in Fort Simpson. Ms. Norwegian and Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief Herb Norwegian are siblings and both live in Fort Simpson. Ms. Norwegian has stated that she has not discussed matters related to this environmental assessment with her brother and does not believe there is any bias or conflict of interest with regards to her participation at the hearings as a Review Board member. The Review Board has sought advice from legal counsel, and is of the view that no bias or conflict exists in this case.

The developer and parties are asked to contact the Review Board by April 5, 2017 if they have any concerns regarding Ms. Norwegian's participation at the public hearings and throughout the remainder of the environmental assessment.

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