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Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

Participation and status of territorial departments in the Canadian Zinc (Prairie Creek) All Season Road and Airstrip Environmental Assessment (EA-1415-01)

With this letter, the Department of Lands Project Assessment Branch (PAB), as the coordinating agency for territorial participation in the noted environmental assessment (EA), is pleased to provide a summary of anticipated Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) participation in the EA.

Because the proposed all-weather road is partially on federal land, the delegation of environmental assessment decision-making authority to the Minister of Lands under the Devolution Final Agreement does not apply. As stated in the Northern Projects Management Office's October 3, 2014, letter, in this particular EA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada would sign the final decision letter. This decision would require concurrence from federal and territorial Responsible Ministers (RMs).

Various GNWT departments are expected to be RMs under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* for this EA. The GNWT will make a final determination of RMs after the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) issues its Report of EA.

The following list provides a summary of relevant roles and expertise within the GNWT and is subject to adjustment as the EA proceeds.

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Environment and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding wildlife, waters, forestry, air quality, and spill and fuel management as legislated under the following acts: <i>Environmental Protection Act, Waters Act, Forest Management Act, Forest Protection Act and Wildlife Act.</i> • Will be responsible for inspections on territorial land related to water licences.
Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding the management and administration of the sustainable use of territorial land, including land use plans and land use and sustainability standards, guidelines, and policies. • Will be responsible for inspections on territorial land related to land use permits. Will manage land tenure requirements as applicable.
Education, Culture, and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes with respect to the Socio-Economic Agreement as it relates to education, training and employment opportunities. • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding protection and management of archaeological sites.
Industry, Tourism and Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be involved in EA processes in order to seek ongoing collaboration with the developer to ensure that social and economic benefits of the project contribute to economic and business development in the NWT, and support community, family and individual well-being.
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding direct and indirect impacts on the GNWT budget. Advice may include assessment under the macroeconomic policy framework and infrastructure support guidelines.
Health and Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding services to promote, protect, and provide for the health and well-being of peoples potentially impacted by resource development. • Will speak to collaborative efforts between the developer and current NWT programs addressing health care, public health, mental health and social services. • Will provide expertise on compliance with the <i>Public Health Act</i> and regulations and what potentially constitutes a public health hazard.

Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide legal advice to GNWT departments throughout the EA process.• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding potential socio-economic impacts on policing, courts, correction services, community justice, and the overall justice system.
NWT Housing Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes with respect to potential socio-economic implications pertaining to housing needs.
Municipal and Community Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes with respect to community governments and potential impacts of the development on community governments.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes with respect to transportation system capacity, especially logistics, schedules, and use.
Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice to GNWT departments in meeting their legal duty to consult Aboriginal governments and organizations.• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes to ensure decision making respects the negotiation and conclusion of Aboriginal rights agreements as well as territorial interests.

The Department of Lands PAB is the main contact for MVEIRB in the EA process and will coordinate GNWT participation in all phases of the EA.

Please contact Charlotte Henry at 765-6785 or via email at Charlotte_Henry@gov.nt.ca, or Lorraine Seale at 765-6786 or via email at Lorraine_Seale@gov.nt.ca, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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