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VIA EMAIL:

JoAnne Deneron, Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear JoAnne Deneron:

Review of the Report of Environmental Assessment for the proposed Tłıchǫ All Season Road (EA1617-01)

As the Grand Chief of the Tłıchǫ Government, with jurisdiction related to the proposed Tłıchǫ All Season Road (“the Project”), I am writing to convey that we have completed our review of the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Project dated March 29, 2018 (the “Report”).

As described in the Report, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the “Review Board”) has recommended pursuant to subparagraph 128 (1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the “Act”) that the Project be approved subject to the imposition of measures and proponent commitments necessary to mitigate significant adverse impacts on the environment.

The Tłıchǫ Government has decision-making authority for the proposed Project under section 131.1 of the Act. Our decision on the Review Board’s recommendation is to recommend there be consultation with the Review Board with respect to proposed modifications to multiple measures in the Report, pursuant to subparagraph 131.1 (1)(b) of the Act.

We have prepared a modification for each measure, as well as a rationale, that is included as an attachment to this letter. I would like to highlight that the proposed modifications were developed in close consultation with the Responsible Ministers.

Specifically, the Tłıchǫ Government recommends modifications to:

- Measures 5-2, Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3;
- Measure 5-6;

- With respect Measure 6.1-6.3, we have no objections to the approach recommended by the GNWT, which is provided in their submission;
- Measure 8-1;
- Measure 9-1, Part 1; and
- Measure 9-2.

We look forward to a written response from the Review Board with respect to the proposed modifications.

In Tłıchǫ Unity,



Grand Chief George Mackenzie

Enclosure

c.c.:

Honourable Louis Sebert, Minister of Lands

Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources

Gary Bohnet, Principal Secretary, Office of the Premier of the Northwest Territories

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