VIA FAX

George Miller, Chair
Kaska Dena Council
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Dear Mr. Miller:

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Sincerely,

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Terry Hall
Director
Land Use and Sustainability

c. Chief Jack Caesar, Ross River Dena Council
   Chief Daniel Morris, Liard First Nation
   Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
   Matt Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office
VIA FAX

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian
Dehcho First Nations
PO BOX 89
FORT SIMPSON, NT X0E 0N0

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   Chief Gladys Norwegian, Jean Marie River
   Chief Lloyd Chicot, Ka’a’gee Tu First Nation
   Acting Chief Steven Jose, Liidlii Kue First Nation
   Chief Michael Matou, Nahanni Butte Dene Band
   Chief Dolphus Jumbo, Sambaa K’e Dene Band
   Chief Courtney Cayen, West Point First Nation
   Chief Tim Lennie, Pehdzeh Ki First Nation
   Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Ms. Ethel Blondin-Andrew
Chairperson
Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
PO BOX 155
DÉLINÉ, NT X0E 0G0

Dear Ms. Blondin-Andrew:

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   Fort Good Hope Métis Local #54
   Délı̨nę First Nation
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   Norman Wells Land Corporation
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   Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat
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Chief Simon Mervyn and Council
First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun
PO BOX 220
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Dear Chief Mervyn:

Environmental Assessment of Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited’s Howard’s Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (EA1516-01)

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (the GNWT) is writing to you in reference to the environmental assessment (EA) and anticipated regulatory processes for the proposed Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited’s Howard’s Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (the Project).

The Project area appears to be outside of Na-cho Nyak Dun’s claim into the Northwest Territories, however the Project may still be of interest to you. As such, this letter serves to notify Na-cho Nyak Dun of the Project. For more information regarding the project, you are encouraged to review the public registry for the EA at:

http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project_detail.php?project_id=949&doc_stage=0

If, after your review, you identify any potential impacts to caribou harvesting related to the Project as proposed, you are encouraged to contact the GNWT personnel identified below. Please also note that the developer is the best source of information on the proposed Project.

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Mr. James Wilson
President
Gwich'in Tribal Council
PO BOX 1509
INUVIK, NT X0E 0T0

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Chief Harry Deneron
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GENERAL DELIVERY
FORT LIARD, NT X0G 0A0

President Ernie McLeod
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