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Via Email

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

Re: EA 1617-01 Proposed Tlicho All-season Road – Information Requests

We write respecting the Information Requests from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) dated October 28, 2016. The Information Requests ask that considerable information regarding fish harvesting, traditional use and way of life, and heritage resources and culturally important sites be provided to the Review Board by November 30, 2016. We understand that the Review Board is seeking information from the North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) to help describe and evaluate the potential adverse impacts on the well-being of Aboriginal people and their way of life that may occur as a result of the proposed Tlicho All-season Road.

NSMA is in the process of compiling the information requested; however, we write to ask for an extension to the November 30, 2016 deadline.

NSMA believes that a request for more time is reasonable given that the Tlicho Government conducted its Traditional Knowledge study regarding the proposed Tlicho All-season Road over a period of 3 years: from 2013 – 2015. The Tlicho Government's multi-year study gathered information on unknown culturally sensitive and/or burial sites, as well as information on harvesting practices, and was prepared and funded by a memorandum of understanding between the Tlicho Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories. In contrast, NSMA has been asked to provide the same sort of information within 30 days, but has received no funding to this work or facilitate its engagement in this regulatory process.

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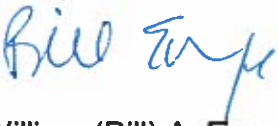
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NSMA is a small organization and, unlike other Aboriginal groups in the NWT, NSMA does not receive any core funding from the government(s) to engage in consultation. However, we are keen to engage. In order to do so, we will need more time.

For these reasons, we request an extension to December 21, 2016.

Sincerely,



William (Bill) A. Enge
President