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Mr. Simon Toogood
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Dear Mr. Toogood:

Mackenzie Valley Highway Project – Revised Project Description

As you are aware the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reduced the scope of the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) Project that was submitted for Environmental Assessment in February 2013. This adjustment reflects the GNWT's adaptation to the 17th Legislative Assembly's revision of its infrastructure priority relating to the MVH and to federal and territorial capital funding realities.

As it is now conceived, the MVH project consists of 333 KMs of all-season granular road construction, largely along the existing Mackenzie Valley Winter Road alignment, between Wrigley and Norman Wells. This represents a reduction of nearly 500 KMs of proposed project footprint and associated impacts.

Based on the scope and nature of the changes to the MVH Project, the GNWT hereby offers formal notice of its intent to submit a revised summary PDR for MVEIRB's consideration and appropriate action in August, 2014. Once MVEIRB issues TOR for the new scope of work, or confirms the sufficiency of the existing TOR for the re-scoped undertaking, the GNWT will proceed with the field work and studies that will be required to complete the Developers Assessment Report (DAR).

We look forward to working with the Review Board to complete the Environmental Assessment of this important project.

Yours truly,



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