

July 26, 2013

Mr. Jim Stevens Director Mackenzie Valley Highway The Department of Transportation Government of the Northwest Territories Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway – EA1213-02 Next steps – Scoping and Terms of Reference

Dear Mr. Stevens,

The Review Board met on July 25, 2013 to discuss the Mackenzie Valley Highway environmental assessment and determine next steps including scoping sessions and the Terms of Reference.

The Review Board has decided to hold scoping sessions in communities along the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway including: Wrigley, Tulita, Norman Wells and Fort Good Hope. The dates for scoping sessions have yet to be determined and will depend on the availability of venues and participants. As the developer, you are expected to make a short presentation about the proposed project at each scoping sessions.

Thank you for your offer to provide a preliminary draft Terms of Reference. The Review Board requests that you provide the document by Wed Aug 21, 2013. It will be used to assist the Review Board in preparing its own draft and final Terms of Reference.

For information on how to prepare a Terms of Reference please see the Review Board's *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines (March 2004)*, section 3.10. Recent examples of other Terms of Reference on our website may be helpful.

If you have any questions please contact <u>stoogood@reviewboard.ca</u> or by telephone at (867) 766-7053.

Sincerely,

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