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May 4, 2015

Dear Ms. Lantz:

Participation in the Husky Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA-1415-02)

On April 7, 2015, the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (the GNWT) wrote to Aboriginal governments and organizations, including the Chiefs of the Deninu K'ue First Nation, Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, to encourage their participation in the environmental assessment and anticipated regulatory processes for the Husky Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project (the Project). Regrettably, the GNWT overlooked sending a copy of the letter to your organization.

As stated in the letters, which are attached and are also available on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's public registry, the area of the proposed Project is partially on federal land (Wrigley Point) and the delegation of EA decision-making authority to the GNWT's Minister of Lands under the Devolution Final Agreement does not apply. Therefore, for this particular EA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will retain the EA decision authority. This authority is pursuant to section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). The Ministers of relevant GNWT departments will participate in the EA decision process as Responsible Ministers.

The GNWT is responsible for ensuring that it has met its duty to consult with respect to any aspects of the Project within its jurisdiction that might negatively affect asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. The GNWT will rely on the consultative processes of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) as well as proponent engagement to assist in fulfilling the GNWT's duty to consult. Throughout these processes, the GNWT will carefully monitor and track Aboriginal

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government and organizations' statements of any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. The GNWT will assess whether any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights have been adequately addressed and ensure that the GNWT has met its duty to consult before any decision is made under section 130 of the MVRMA.

The GNWT encourages the Akaitcho Dene First Nations to participate in the MVEIRB and post EA processes for the proposed Project and to work closely with the Project developer, who is the best source of information on the proposed Project.

Again, the GNWT regrets this oversight. If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the Project EA, please contact Charlotte Henry, Project Assessment Analyst, Department of Lands, at (867) 765-6785 or charlotte_henry@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Seale
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- c. Chief Louis Balsillie, Deninu K'ue First Nation
Chief Felix Lockhart, Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Chief Edward Sangris, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah)
Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Matthew Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office

Attachments:

- April 7, 2015 letter from GNWT to Deninu K'ue First Nation
- April 7, 2015 letter from GNWT to Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- April 7, 2015 letter from GNWT to Yellowknives Dene First Nation



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Chief Louis Balsillie
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April 7, 2015

Dear Chief Balsillie:

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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 Husky Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project (the Project).

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Should the Deninu K'ue First Nation require financial assistance to participate in the EA and regulatory processes for the proposed Project, GNWT is now accepting applications for 2015/16 Interim Resource Management Assistance (IRMA) Resource Pressures Funding. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2015. For further information on the IRMA program, please contact Marcy MacDougall, IRMA Program Coordinator, at (867) 920-6340 or marcy_macdougall@gov.nt.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the Project EA, please contact Charlotte Henry, Project Assessment Analyst, Department of Lands, at (867) 765-6785 or charlotte_henry@gov.nt.ca.

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Terry Hall
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Chief Felix Lockhart
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April 7, 2015

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