

October 19, 2009

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P. Minister, Indian Affairs and Northern Development 10 Wellington Street Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

Dear Minister Strahl:

RE: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Imperial Dehcho Geotechnical Program (EA 03-009)

Thank you for your letter of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in which you set out your decision on the consult to modify process initiated under subparagraph 130(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in relation to the captioned report of Environmental Assessment.

The Board understands that measure 13 (as modified) was the last of the provisions considered in the consult to modify process to be finalized. Although the wording set out for that provision in your letter varies from that discussed previously with the Review Board, the current Board considers the final wording to be consistent with the intent of the original mitigation measure.

The Review Board appreciates the efforts made by your office and responsible Ministers to bring this matter to a close.

Yours truly,

Richard Edjericon Chairperson