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Ms. Leni Keough for Ms. Jane Lind P.O. Box 6690 HINTON, AB T7V 1X8

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Dear Ms. Keough:

Board Decision – LUP Application for Mineral Exploration in the Horn River Area

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) met on June 1, 2004 to deal with the aforementioned application. The decision was to refer the application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for an environmental assessment pursuant to Subsection 125(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The reasons for decision and the preliminary screening report are attached for your information. Please note that the referral is based specifically on public concern regarding the location of the proposed development within the Edéhzhíe Candidate Protected Area, an area used for traditional purposes.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Wooley, Executive Director at (867) 669-0506 or email mvlwbpermit@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

Melody J. McLeod

Chair

Attachment

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Solid Waste
 Waste Management ☐ disposal of hazardous waste ☒ waste generation
Sewage ☐ Geoscientific Sampling ☐ trenching ☐ trenching ☐ diamond drill ☐ borehole core sampling ☐ bulk soll sampling ☐ Gravel ☐ Hydrological Testing ☐ Site Restoration ☐ fertilization

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NTS Topographic Map Sheet 85L/8	t Numbers		
Latitude / Longitude: Minimum latitude: 62°19' N; Ma Minimum longitude: 118°0' W;	aximum latitude: 62°28' N Maximum longitude: 118°10' W		
Nearest Community and Wat Community: Wha Ti Water Body: Horn River	er Body:		
Land Status (consultation in	formation)		
☐ Free Hold / Private	☐ Commissioners Land	☑ Federal Crown Land	Municipal Land
Transboundary Implications	5		·
☐ B ritish Columb ia ☐ Nunavut	☐ Alberta ☐ Wood Buffalo National Park	Saskatchewan Inuvialuit Settlement Region	Yukon
Type of Transboundary impli	ication:	☐ Development	
Public Concern(DESCRIBE)			
PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL EFFE	ECTS		
IMPACT 1. Ground Water	MITIGATION		
☑ water table alteration	potentiometric surface.	a confined aquifer, resulting in arter Requiring the proponent to plug and vision countered should mitigate these of	permanently seal all drill
water quality changes water quality changes	ground water through red the proponent to use tec into contact with the grou drill system; the burning	ill wastes, and garbage may result in charge areas. These concerns should chniques that reduce the likelihood of and surface. These techniques include g of combustible garbage daily; and garbage to an approved disposal facilit	be mitigated by requiring these substances coming the use of a recirculating the removal of all non-
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	The use of sumps will hareas. LUP Conditions 3:	nelp minimize the aerial extent of pos 2 and 42.	sible contaminant source
_	The proponent has comm	nitted to using water for drilling. LUP Co	endition 27.
infiltration changes			
Other			
□ N/A			

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IMPACT

2. Surface Water

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If flow or level changes

water quality changes

MITIGATION

The use of a recirculating drill will help reduce the volume of water required for drilling. Since exact drilling locations are not known (geophysics and hand prospecting will identify areas to be explored by diamond drilling), water sources are not known. Applying DFO's protocols for On-ice Drilling for the Oil and Gas Industry to this operation will help mitigate these effects. Letter of advice provided to applicant.

Improper handling of drill wastes, garbage and fuel may result in these substances entering surface waters. Drill waste contamination should be minimized by requiring the proponent to use a recirculating drill and to deposit all cuttings in a land based sump 100 metres above the high water mark. LUP Conditions 2, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32.

Sewage contamination should be minimized by requiring the proponent to deposit these materials in a sump at least 100 metres above the high water mark of any water body or course. The amount of garbage on site will be limited by requiring the proponent to burn combustible garbage daily and to remove all non-combustible garbage to an approved disposal facility. LUP Conditions 20, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

Hydrocarbon contamination should be minimized by requiring the proponent to use secondary containment at all fuel caches; to use drip pans at fuel transfer locations; to incinerate combustible waste petroleum products; and to have spill plans and kits, and personnel trained in the use of the kits on site. All Spills are to be reported to the Spill Line. All fuel caches are to be located 100 metres above the high water mark of any water body or course. LUP Conditions 19, 20, 33, 34, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 61.

The use of sumps and the prohibition of storage on ice surfaces will help minimize the aerial extent of contaminant source areas. LUP Conditions 17, 32 and 42,

The proponent has committed to using water as a drilling additive. LUP Condition 27.

☐ water quantity changes

Drainage pattern changes

☐ temperature

☐ wetland changes / loss

other:

□ N/A

IMPACT

3. Noise

☑ noise in/near water

other: noise increase

□ N/A

IMPACT

4. Land

geologic structure changes

Soil contamination

MITIGATION

All equipment to be used will generate noise. No mitigation but impact should be for short, intermittent periods of time.

MITIGATION

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Line. LUP Conditions 19, 20, 33, 34, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 61. The use of sumps will help minimize the aerial extent of contaminant sources. LUP Conditions 20 and 42. Conducting the operation in winter will help contain the spread of materials over the ground surface and will help increase the operator's ability to collect contaminated material (snow acts as a trap). D buffer zone loss Conducting the operation in winter when the ground is frozen will help reduce soil compaction. The use of an existing campsite reduces the number of new locations where soil compaction is a concern. 🔯 Destabilization / erosion Cratering can occur around boreholes and this can lead to erosion and ponding of water at the surface. Requiring the proponent to refill and restore borehole craters as the operation progresses should minimize these concerns, LUP Condition 15. Drilling near water bodies and water courses may cause bank destabilization, especially at locations where vegetation is removed. Prohibiting the operator from cutting stream banks and disturbing vegetation 30 metres from a water body/course, should mitigate these effects. The operator is also to revegetate all areas disturbed areas during the land use operation. LUP Conditions 25, 26 and 64. permafrost regime alteration ☐ other: explosives/scarring □ N/A IMPACT MITIGATION Non Renewable Natural Resources resource depletion No resources will be depleted during this operation but reviewers have stated concerns that should this exploration identify economic mineral deposits, this area will be more intensely developed. Resources will then be depleted. No mitigation. other: ☐ N/A **IMPACT** MITIGATION Air/Climate/ Atmosphere Other Standard filters on the equipment will reduce emissions but overall no mitigation. □ N/A **BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT MITIGATION** Vegetation Species composition The operation is to occur in treed areas and human actions (even accidental) may result in the starting of forest fires. The operator is to have fire fighting equipment at the camp and a water dropping bucket fitted for the helicopter in readiness. LUP Conditions 12 and 13

species introduction	
☐ toxin / heavy accumulation	
☑ other; foliage damage	Fossil fuel and drill waste spills may damage vegetation. This risk should be minimized by localized waste containment, the use of drip pans at fuel transfer stations and the use of spill kits. LUP Conditions 19, 20, 33, 34, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 61.
□ N/A IMPACT 2. Wildlife & Fish	MITIGATION
☑ effects on rare, threatened or endangered species	Species at Risk may be encountered in the area: Wood Bison, Woodland Caribou, Peregrine Falcon (anatum) are Threatened under Schedule 1 of SARA; Wolverine and Short-eared Owl are listed as Special Concern under Schedule 3 of SARA.
•	If these species are encountered, the operator is to minimize all activity so as not to disturb these animals. LUP Conditions 40 and 41.
☑ fish population changes	Since water sources and the volumes of water to be withdrawn from each source are not yet known, effects on fish populations cannot be determined. Concerns are related to the withdrawal of oxygenated water below volume thresholds for the support of fish. More information is required but the operator must comply with the <i>Fisheries Act</i> regardless of the issuance of a Land Use Permit. Using a recirculating drill will help minimize the water volume required for drilling.
	To prevent the entrainment of fish in water intakes, the proponent must cover all intake openings according to DFO's Freshwater intake end-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guldelines. LUP condition 39.
☑ waterfowl population changes	This area has been identified as being an important migratory bird, including waterfowl, area. Equipment noise may force birds away from their traditional migratory routes which could result in an unsuccessful breeding season. Requiring the proponent to shut down during the migration period should help mitigate these effects. LUP Condition 9.
☑ breeding disturbance	This area has been identified as an important breeding ground for migratory birds, including waterfowl. The operator is to shut down operations during the breeding season and to minimize activity at all other times of the year if these birds are encountered. LUP Conditions 9, 35, 36, 40 and 41.
	Proper garbage handling will prevent predators of bird species from being attracted to the area, which will further reduce disturbance to breeding birds. LUP Conditions 43, 44 and 45.
population reduction	
species diversity change	
☐ health changes (Identify)	
behavioural changes (Identify)	
☐ habitat changes / effects	
☐ game species effects	
☐ toxins / heavy metals	
forestry changes	
agricultural changes	, i
□ other:	
☐ N/A INTERACTING ENVIRONMENT	
IMPACT 1. Habitat and Communities	MITIGATION

	Improper garbage handling may attract numerous predators to the area which will increase the pressure on prey species. Storing garbage in secure containers and burning it regularly will help mitigate these effects. LUP Conditions 43, 44 and 45.
☐ wildlife habitat / ecosystem	
☐ Composition changes	
reduction / removal of keystone or endangered species	
removal of wildlife corridor or buffer zone	<u>:</u>
other:	
□ N/A	
IMPACT 2. Social and Economic	MITIGATION
☐ planning / zoning changes or conflicts	
☐ Increase in urban facilities or services use	
☐ rental house	
airport operations / capacity changes	
☐ human health hazard	
impair the recreational use of water or aesthetic quality	
affect water use for other purposes	
affect other land use operations	
☑ quality of life changes	Both the Deh Cho and the Dogrib First Nations have identified this area as important for traditional uses (hunting and fishing) and for spiritual gatherings. These First Nations fear that activity in Edéhzhie will disrupt these activities. Further consultation and discussions are needed.
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other:	discussions are needed,
□ N/A	
IMPACT 3. Cultural and Heritage	MITIGATION
effects to historic property	
☐ Increased economic pressure on historic properties	
change to or loss of historic resources	
☐ change to or loss of archaeological resources	
Increased pressure on archaeological sites	

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			The Edéhzhie Working Group recognic claims as they were established prior to	zes the legal righ to the withdrawal	nt of the operator of Edéhzhie, bu	to explore the	!

□ N/A

Further consultation and discussion may be needed.

concerned that exploration could ultimately lead to future mining.

NOTES:

Consultation

Pursuant to Section 27 Subsections (a) and (b) of the Deh Cho First Nations (DCFN) Interim Measures
Agreement, the MVLWB determined that written notice was given to the DCFN and that a reasonable period of time
was allowed for DCFN to make representations with respect to the application.

PRELIMINARY SCREENER / REFERRING BODY INFORMATION

	RA or DRA	ADVICE	PERMIT REQUIRED
Federal/Territorial Environment Canada Fisheries and Ocaans Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Canadian Heritage (Parks Canada) National Energy Board Natural Resources Canada Public Works and Gov't Services Transport Canada Northern Oil and Gas Directorate Canadian Nuclear Sefety Industry Canada Canadian Transportation Agency National Defence GNWT - RWED GNWT - Transportation GNWT - Health Prince of Wales Heritage Center MVEIRB			
Other NWT Protected Areas Strategy - Edéhzhie Working Group Abortaine / Elest Mations		⊠	
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North Slave Dogrib Treaty 11 Council Dogrib Rae Band Wha Ti First Nation Dechi Laot'l Council (Wekweti) Gameti First Nation (Rae Lakes) Lutselk'e Dene First Nation Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Noilo) Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah) Rea-Edzo Metis Local #64 North Slave Metis Alliance Hamlet of Rae Edzo Charter Community of Wha Ti City of Yellowknife			0 0 000000000

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REASONS FOR DECISION

DECISION:

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (The Board) is satisfied that the preliminary screening of application LUP MV2004C0025, Jane Lind, Horn River area has been completed in accordance with Section 125 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The Board is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice was given to Communities and First Nations affected by the application as required by Subsection 63(2) of the MVRMA so that they could provide comments to the Board.

Having reviewed all relevant evidence on the Public Registry, including the submissions of the Applicant, the written comments received by the Board and any staff reports prepared for the Board, the Board has decided that in its opinion that the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

As a result, the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Mackenzle Valley Resource Management Act* and the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations has decided that this Land Use Permit be referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for Environmental Assessment pursuant to Subsection 125(1) of the *MVRMA*.

	PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION
. 🗵	Outside Local Government Boundaries
	The development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, refer it to the EIRB.
X	Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.
×	The development proposal might have public concern, refer it to the EIRB.
	Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.
	Wholly within Local Government Boundaries
	The development proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources.
	refer it to the EIRB. Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.
	The development proposal might have public concern, refer it to the EIRB.
	Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.

Preliminary Screening Organization	Signatures
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board	10 meso
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