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File: MV2018X0017

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Email: mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Amendment Application for Land Use Permit
Groundwater Monitoring – Fort Liard Region, NT**

The Mackenzie Land and Water Board (Board) met on February 27, 2020 and considered the Amendment Application from University of Guelph – G360 Institute for Groundwater Research for Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) Amendment MV2018X0017 in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*.

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the Amendment Application and the public review. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed as per section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the project to environmental assessment. The Preliminary Screening Report includes the Board's reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA (attached).

To fulfill the pause period established by section 125 of the MVRMA, the Board understands that any referral to environmental assessment must take place by end of day on March 12, 2020. If the Board does not receive notice of referral, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit MV2018X0017 on **Friday March 13, 2020**.

Our Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Shelagh Montgomery at (867) 766-7457 or email smontgomery@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mavis Cli-Michaud".

Mavis Cli-Michaud
Chair, MVLWB

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Amanda Pierce, University of Guelph – G360 Institute for Groundwater Research

Attached: Preliminary Screening Reasons for Decision