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Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit
Geotechnical Investigation – Fort Liard Area, NT**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on August 29, 2019 and considered the Application from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) for Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019S0017 for geotechnical investigation in the Fort Liard area in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the Application and the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to 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).

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit MV2019S0017 on September 10, 2019.

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, Executive Director, MVLWB 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

Copied to: Tyree Mullaney, Regulatory Specialist, MVLWB
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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report, including Reasons for Decision