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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

Re: Government of the Northwest Territories – Marine Transportation Services – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Water Licence – Industrial – Hay River, NT

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on May 13, 2021 and considered the Application from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Marine Transportation (GNWT – MTS) for Water Licence (Licence) MV2021L1-0001 for the Oil Water Separator Project (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on 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 Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Licence MV2021L1-0001 on Monday May 31, 2021.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Shelagh Montgomery at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Mavis Cli-Michaud
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision