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September 6, 2023

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination:
MGM Energy Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2023-001-MGM)**

On August 30, 2023, MGM Energy applied to the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) for an Operations Authorization for the abandonment of the East Mackay I-78 well (WID2078) in the Sahtu Settlement Area.

Under section 124 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, an Operations Authorization triggers the requirement for a preliminary screening.

MGM Energy also applied to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) for a Land Use Permit and Water Licence incorporating the abandonment of the East Mackay I-78 well (S22A-002 / S22L1-002). On August 2, 2023, the SLWB issued its preliminary screening determination. No notice of referral to environmental assessment was received.

Accordingly, I have adopted the preliminary screening conducted by the SLWB for Land Use Permit S22A-002 for OA-2023-001-MGM.

Please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at oro.go@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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