



Sahtu Land and Water Board

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File: S19L8-002

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Sent via Email

Dear JoAnne Deneron,

Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Amendment of Type B Water Licence (S19L8-002) – Great Bear River Bridge On-ice (In-water) Geotechnical Investigation, at Tulita, NT

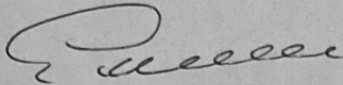
The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on Dec 3, 2019 and considered the Application from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF), for the Amendment of Type B Water Licence S19L8-002 (Great Bear River Bridge In-water Geotechnical Investigation), in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board updated the latest approved Preliminary Screening Report for the Licence S19L8-002/Permit S19S-001, based on the Application (as discussed above) and the public review. Updates to the Preliminary Screening with respect to the On-ice Geotechnical Investigation is highlighted in the report. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied that, the screening has been completed as per section 124(1) 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.

To fulfill the pause period required by subsection 125 of the MVRMA, the Board understands that any referral to environmental assessment must take place by end of day on Dec 13, 2019. If the Board doesn't receive notice of referral, it will proceed with the issuance of Amended Type B Water Licence S19L8-002, on Dec 16, 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 Paul Dixon at (867) 598-2413 ext. 225, or email paul.dixon@slwb.com.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, SLWB

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report and Reasons for Decision