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**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Sirs / Mesdames:

**RE: Participation in the Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited – Howard’s Pass Access Road Upgrade Project Environmental Assessment (EA1516-01 [2015])**

As you are aware, Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited (the “Developer”) has applied to both the Parks Canada Agency and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (“MVLWB”) for the required Land Use Permits and Water Licences to upgrade the Howard’s Pass Access Road (the “Project”). On July 20, 2015, Parks Canada Agency referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board (the “Review Board”) for environmental assessment (“EA”).

As a portion of the proposed Project is in the Sahtu Settlement Area, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the appropriate Sahtu organizations and representatives to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the MVLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA, a variety of opportunities are available for potentially affected Aboriginal groups to communicate any concerns to the Review Board, including during scoping sessions, technical review and public hearing phases of the EA. When providing such input, groups are encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on their established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,
- clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,

- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

The MVLWB has developed Engagement Guidelines which require the Developer to prepare an engagement plan for affected communities and maintain an engagement record. In addition to the EA process, direct engagement with the Developer is one of the principal means through which groups can:

- fully understand the nature and scope of the Project;
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- explore alternatives to eliminate or mitigate such impacts; and,
- offer local knowledge or advice on the Project.

For those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the MVLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations. For clarity, the Project passes through both the Nahanni National Park Reserve, the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve as well as NWT public lands. As such, the responsibilities of the federal Minister for this EA, under Part 5 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, will remain with the Government of Canada. Other federal and territorial ministers will have regulatory decision-making responsibilities pursuant to their respective mandates.

The Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency will act as the Crown consultation coordinator on behalf of federal ministers with statutory decision making in relation to the Project. The Government of Canada looks forward to your representatives actively participating in the EA, regulatory processes and related engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence  
Director General  
Northern Projects Management Office  
Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

cc: Kate Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Coordination, Department of Lands, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Catherine Conrad, Sr. Director, Environment and Renewable Resources Directorate, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
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Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact  
Review Board

Maurice Albert, Vice President, External Affairs, Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd.



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VIA EMAIL

James Wilson  
President  
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Dear President Wilson:

**RE: Environmental Assessment of the Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited –  
Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project (EA1516-01 [2015])**

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Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited (the "Developer") has applied to both the Parks Canada Agency and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board ("MVLWB") for the required Land Use Permits and Water Licences to upgrade the Howard's Pass Access Road (the "Project"), located in the Dehcho and Sahtu regions of the Northwest Territories. On July 20, 2015, Parks Canada Agency referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board (the "Review Board") for environmental assessment ("EA").

As a portion of the proposed Project is outside of the Gwich'in Settlement Area but within the Treaty 11 area, this letter serves to notify the Gwich'in Tribal Council of the project. For more information regarding the project, Gwich'in organizations and beneficiaries are encouraged to the Review Board public registry at:

[http://reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project\\_id=949](http://reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=949)

Additionally, assistance in understanding the potential impacts of the project can be sought from the Developer.

The Government of Canada is not aware of Gwich'in beneficiaries harvesting or undertaking other traditional activities in the Project area. However, if there are concerns related to the Project as proposed, the appropriate Gwich'in representatives are encouraged to contact the official below.

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The Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency will act as the Crown consultation coordinator on behalf of federal ministers with statutory decision making in relation to the Project. If you have any

questions or wish assistance in contacting the Developer, please contact Sarah Robertson, Project Officer – NPMO, at (867) 669-2601.

Sincerely,

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**Matthew Spence**  
**Director General**  
**Northern Projects Management Office**  
**Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency**

cc: Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief, Dehcho First Nations  
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Dear Chiefs and Presidents:

**RE: Participation in the Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited – Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project Environmental Assessment (EA1516-01 [2015])**

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As a portion of the proposed Project is in Dehcho traditional territory, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the appropriate Dehcho representatives to participate in the

processes of the Review Board and the MVLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA, a variety of opportunities are available for potentially affected Aboriginal groups to communicate any concerns to the Review Board, including during scoping sessions, technical review and public hearing phases of the EA. When providing such input, groups are encouraged to:

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VIA FAX

Chief Harry Deneron  
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Dear Chief:

**RE: Environmental Assessment of the Selwyn Chihong Mining Limited –  
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Additionally, assistance in understanding the potential impacts of the project can be sought from the Developer.

The Project passes through both the Nahanni National Park Reserve, the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve as well as NWT public lands. As such, the responsibilities of the federal Minister for this EA, under Part 5 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, will remain with the Government of Canada. For those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the MVLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

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Chief Simon Mervyn and Council  
First Nation of Na-cho Nyak Dun  
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Dear Chief Mervyn and Na-cho Nyak Dun Council Members

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To our knowledge this Project is south of your transboundary claim into the Northwest Territories, however it may still be of interest to you. As such, this letter serves to notify Na-cho Nyak Dun of the project. For more information regarding the project, you are encouraged to the Review Board public registry at:

[http://reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project\\_id=949](http://reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=949)

Additionally, assistance in understanding the potential impacts of the project can be sought from the Developer.

While the Government of Canada is not aware of any potential impacts of the project that would be of concern to Na-cho Nyak Dun if, after your review, you identify any concerns related to the Project as proposed, you are encouraged to contact the NPMO Project Officer identified below.

Please also be informed that for those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the MVLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

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George Miller, Chair  
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Dear Chiefs, Chair, and Councils:

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As the Project, or a portion thereof, is within Kaska asserted territory in the Northwest Territories, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the appropriate Kaska representatives to participate in the EA process and any related engagement efforts of the Developer.

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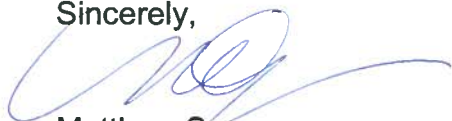
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The Government of Canada looks forward to your representatives actively participating in the EA, regulatory processes and related engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence  
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