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Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge  
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Dear Chief Bonnetrouge:

**GNWT response to Deh Gáh Got'ie First Nation regarding the Tłı̨chų All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)**

Thank for your email dated October 7, 2016 indicating the Deh Gáh Got'ie First Nation's (DGGFN) interest in the Tłı̨chų All-season Road (the Project) ongoing environmental assessment.

In your email, the DGGFN expressed an interest in the environmental assessment for the proposed project based on your Treaty 11 rights, especially land use and hunting rights in the area of the proposed project area.

The GNWT and Government of Canada share the responsibility for the duty to consult regarding any potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the proposed Tłı̨chų All-season Road. The GNWT will be relying on both the consultative processes of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board), and as the proponent of this project, the GNWT will also rely on its own bilateral consultation with Aboriginal governments and organizations, to fulfill its duty to consult. We encourage the Deh Gáh Got'ie First Nation to participate in the environmental assessment of the proposed Project to ensure the GNWT is able to fully understand any potential adverse impacts to your established Treaty rights and accommodate them as appropriate.

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To participate in this environmental assessment, and receive notification from the Review Board, you can sign-up through this link:

<http://www.reviewboard.ca/subscriptions/>

Current information regarding the proposed Tłchq All-season Road environmental assessment can be found at this link:

[http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project\\_id=958](http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=958)

As an intervenor in the environmental assessment process, there will be opportunities for you to communicate any concerns you may have regarding potential adverse impacts from the Project to both the GNWT and to the Review Board. We encourage you to:

- clearly indicate whether you anticipate adverse impacts on your established Treaty rights as a result of the Project, and if so, clearly indicate the specific rights(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those rights(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in the understanding those impacts and mitigations; and,
- support the Review Board's understanding of the evidence, including Traditional Knowledge, with respect to both potential adverse impacts and mitigations.

Throughout the process, the GNWT will carefully monitor and track all Aboriginal government and organization's statements of any potential adverse impacts on asserted or established Aboriginal and/ or Treaty rights. We will assess whether

any potential adverse impact on these rights have been meaningfully addressed and accommodated where appropriate, and ensure that the GNWT has met its duty to consult before any decision is made under section 130 of the MVRMA regarding the Project.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the environmental assessment of the Tłıchǫ All-season Road, or how to participate in this process, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at [melissa.pink@gov.nt.ca](mailto:melissa.pink@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069 or Darren Campbell, Project Assessment Analyst, at [darren.campbell@gov.nt.ca](mailto:darren.campbell@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

Sincerely,



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