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Dear Chiefs:

Section 35 Consultation and the role of the Government of the Northwest Territories: Tłı̄chọ All-season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1617-01)

On July 21, 2016, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) referred the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) proposed Tłı̄chọ All-season Road (the Project) to environmental assessment. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the environmental assessment of this Project.

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By way of further background, the GNWT's Department of Transportation previously wrote to you in May, June and September of 2015 and March of 2016 in preparation for submitting the application to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board. We note that no correspondence was received from the Dehcho First Nations in response to those initial notification letters.

The Project is wholly located in the Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area but may still be of interest to you. For more information regarding the project, the GNWT encourages you to review the public registry for the environmental assessment at:

http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=958

If, after your review, you identify any potential adverse impacts to your established Treaty rights that may occur as a result of the Project, please contact Melissa Pink, whose contact information can be found below. The GNWT and Government of Canada bear the responsibility for the duty to consult regarding any potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights resulting from the Tłıchǫ All-season Road. The GNWT will be relying both on the consultative processes of the Review Board, and as the proponent for this project, its own bilateral consultation with Aboriginal governments and organizations, to fulfill its duty to consult.

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 or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069 or Darren Campbell, Project Assessment Analyst, at darren_campbell@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

Sincerely,



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