EA1617-01
Tlicho All-season Road

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Re: GNWT December 14 letter to MVEIRB "Tłı̨chǫ All-season Road – EA1617-01: GNWT seeking clarification on final Terms of Reference and Adequacy Statement"

Thank you for your December 14th letter seeking clarification from Review Board staff at the meeting on December 2, 2016 to discuss the information and intent of the *Terms of Reference* and *Adequacy Statement* documents for EA1617-01 prior to the commencement of work on the Adequacy Statement Response (ASR).

The following is a response to the topics presented in your letter:

- **Likelihood of a cultural impact technical session**: the Review Board anticipates holding a technical session in Behchoko for EA1617-01 that would include both cultural and scientific perspectives and does not expect a separate cultural technical session at this time;
- **Scope of fish harvesting**: confirmation that all areas that might be impacted by an all-season road are assessed and not just those areas that the road will intersect with.
- **Adequacy Statement Response document**: the Review Board expects the ASR to be a stand-alone document that focuses on impact assessment and discussion of residual impacts and cumulative effects. Where information from the Project Description Report (PDR) in part addresses or supports the developer's response, the developer is expected to paraphrase and summarize the information sufficient for the reader to grasp the context. This information should be hyperlinked to the online registry document and referenced for easy referral to the reader. Reviewers are expected to refer to the PDR for more detail for those topics;
- **Residual Impact presentation**: the Review Board expects section 4-2 of the *Adequacy Statement* to include long-form written descriptions for each requested characteristic listed on page 7 of the *Adequacy Statement*. These descriptions can include qualitative

and/or quantitative data sufficient to meaningfully capture the intent of the residual impact assessment. The summary table (e.g. Table 4-2) should provide a quick visual summary to reviewers of the long-form descriptions. Table 4-2 in the document is intended as an example The developer may present the information in a different format with rationale and provided it maintains the intent described in the *Adequacy Statement* and the *Terms of Reference*.

I trust this response provides sufficient clarification. Should you have further questions or seek elaboration on the intent of Review Board materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7073 or by email at rcarthew@reviewboard.ca.

Sincerely,

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