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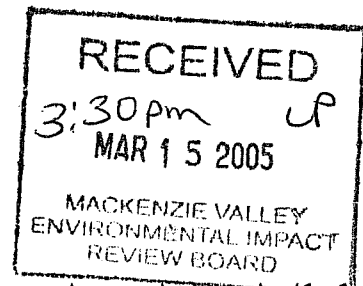
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March 15, 2005

Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 938
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2N7



Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

As the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and on behalf of the other Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction for this development (the Government of the Northwest Territories, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Environment Canada), I am writing to convey our decision on the Report of Environmental Assessment for the Deh Cho Bridge Corporation's proposed bridge across the Mackenzie River, submitted by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board on December 10, 2004.

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has determined, pursuant to section 128(1)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* that the proposed development will not likely have any significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of significant public concern and that an environmental impact review of the proposal need not be conducted.

After reviewing the above Environmental Assessment Report and pursuant to subparagraph 130(1)(b)(i), of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* the Responsible Ministers agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. In reaching this decision the Responsible Ministers considered the letter from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board dated February 11, 2005, which clarified the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's recommendation. In this letter the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board confirmed that the commitments made by the Deh Cho Bridge Corporation, were part of the determination of the scope of development made by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, pursuant to section 117(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

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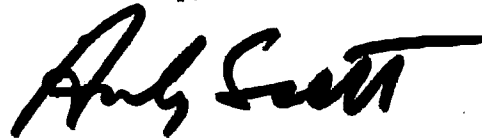
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With respect to Appendix A of the Environmental Assessment Report, and text regarding "Tolls" on page 41, the *Deh Cho Bridge Act* outlines how these tolls are set.

I thank the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for discharging its duties under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

The Honourable Andy Scott, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Stephan Dion, PC, MP
The Honourable Geoff Regan, PC, MP
The Honourable Brendan Bell, MLA
The Deh Cho Bridge Corporation
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board