



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our File: EA03-008

January 27, 2004

Distribution List

**Re: Notice of Referral to Environmental Assessment – Deh Cho Bridge Corporation
Mackenzie River Bridge**

On January 6, 2004 the Department of Fisheries and Oceans referred the Deh Cho Bridge Corporation's proposed Mackenzie River Bridge near Fort Providence to Environmental Assessment, according to section 125 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans cited a potential for public concern as reason for the referral.

The Deh Cho Bridge Corporation proposes to build a 1,045 metre bridge across the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence, near the current ferry crossing. The Preliminary Screening report identified concerns involving impacts of bridge tolls on the Northwest Territories mining and exploration industry.

The Review Board will initiate the scoping of the project and assessment shortly. Organizations on the distribution list will be invited to comment on a draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan. At a later date they will be asked to identify which role they intend to play during the assessment. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7062 or kimberley@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley Cliffe-Phillips".

Kimberley Cliffe-Phillips

Environmental Assessment Officer