



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our File: EA0708-001

Clarence Campbell, President  
Tulita District Land Corp.  
Box 108  
Tulita, NT  
X0E 0K0

Dear Mr. Campbell,

On June 12, 2007, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) received a referral to Environmental Assessment (EA) from the Sahtu Secretariat, Inc. for the Selwyn Project at Howard's Pass. The Review Board subsequently began the EA in accordance with the requirements of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Our first priority in this process is to conduct scoping, an activity in which the Review Board staff meets with stakeholders to identify and prioritize the key issues surrounding the proposed development. This exercise will assist the Review Board in developing a Terms of Reference and Workplan for the EA. In general, scoping is conducted by holding a one or two day meeting with community members, representatives of government, Review Board staff and the developer. During this meeting the developer presents their proposed project and attendees discuss their concerns and potential impacts the project may have on the local environment or socio-economic conditions.

As a first step in this EA, we would like to conduct a scoping session in the community of Tulita. This session could possibly be held in conjunction with a short workshop on EA process, if there is an interest for that in the community. As the lead EAO for this project, I hope that you will be able to assist me in identifying a possible date and venue for this meeting that will be amenable to your organization and to the community of Tulita. If you could contact me at your convenience, I would like to begin planning this meeting as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Tawanis Testart  
a/Environmental Assessment Officer  
(867) 766-7062