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EA0708-007 Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project – Dezé Energy Ltd.

To the distribution list:

Recently the Mackenzie Valley Review Board (the “Review Board”) held a meeting to discuss proposed information requests, generated both by parties to the environmental assessment and internally by Review Board staff and experts. In considering these information requests, the Review Board concluded that scale of the project and the complexity of the issues could best be dealt with in a technical session format. Through dialogue between the parties and the developer, the Review Board anticipates that the information required by the parties can be gathered and issues will be resolved more effectively in a face-to-face session than through an exchange of written materials. The goal of this session is to ensure that parties at all capacities can engage with the process equally and fairly and that the process can continue in a timely fashion.

Review Board staff will conduct the technical session on **October 1, 2 and 5, 2009** at the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre in Yellowknife, NT. Review Board staff will conduct this session more formally than we have historically conducted our meetings. We would like to encourage parties to use their Information Request submissions to prepare for this session and have questions ready to pose to the developer. According to the most recent work plan for this environmental assessment, this will be the final opportunity for parties to gather the information they require to make their final impact predictions and mitigation suggestions in their final submissions prior to the hearing. Any outstanding issues that may arise from this session will be put to the developer who will provide the information in writing by the end of October 2009.

As procedurally, this meeting will be a departure from the normal process we follow in an environmental assessment, I will be distributing information closer to the date of the session that will give further



instructions on what parties can expect, and how staff intends to conduct the session. A draft agenda will be circulated as well, prior to the session.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Testart', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Tawanis Testart, EAO