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Re:

"The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's mission is to conduct quality and timely environmental impact assessments that protect the environment and the social, economic and cultural well being of the residents of the Mackenzie Valley and all Canadians." – MVEIRB Web-Page Site Feb. 2010

The following is a written submission to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact review Board regarding the Talston Hydroelectric Expansion Project

I wish to state the Tso'Tine-Rocher River-Talston River people of the southern Great Slave Lake region of the Northwest Territories, have never relinquished, ceded or forfeited our Treaty or sovereignty of our lands and Aboriginal Rights. Please note as original signatories to Treaty, we do not have the legal right to break- up the Treaty and neither do the Federal or Territorial Governments and neither do any potential proponent who is a multi-national corporation. As a descendant of the Tso' Tine Rocher-River-Talston River people I have researched and am certain the Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River people still have Treaty Rights to Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River lands.

During the history of development in the Rocher River-Talston River region in the immediate are of the current Talston River dam and on lands to the barrenlands and all directions therefore of Tso'Tine lands there has never been consultation with the Tso'Tine people. There is a Tso' Tine Society registered with the Societies office in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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Letters have been written to the Federal Government stating our Right to the lands that we are still registered as a Band with the Federal Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories is aware of our existence and what Aboriginal Rights we have.

The Tso'Tine Society will meet soon and this letter will serve notice that any proponents and any multi-national corporations wishing to do business on Tso'Tine lands of the Rocher River-Talston River people will have to consult us as a group before development continues or is granted by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact review Board. As well, we wish to note there should be a Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River Peoples "Trust" set up to ensure there is a benefit to the Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River people. Details of benefit and impact as well as compensation agreements can be negotiated between the Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River people yet.

I am attaching information to my submission as an initial document. The Tso' Tine Rocher River-Talston River People are a sovereign nation with all Rights as stated in the Treaty signed between the Government of Canada and the Tso' Tine People. I look forward to hearing from you and the proponents of the Talston Hydroelectric Expansion Project regarding the contents of my submission.

Sincerely,

Ms. Noeline Villebrun

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