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To: Paul Mercredi
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Re: Technical Report Submission for EA1011-001 Avalon

To Mr. Mercredi,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a technical report to the Board on the Avalon Thor Lake Project EA1011-001. I'm writing this letter because there are a number of concerns that the Lutsel K'é Dene First Nation has with the proposed project, but due to limited capacity, the lack of any participant funding, and the advancement of De Beers Gahcho Kue project, we will not be submitting a technical report to the Board.

I trust that the Board understands the capacity issues facing the First Nations and will not take the lack of technical report submission as a lack of interest in the project. Some of our concerns are around the potential for barge accidents to occur as we have seen these issue first hand in our community, the quality of caribou health monitoring at the sites, and the repeated reliance of the proponent on adaptive management instead of robust, pre-development programs.

We will be thoroughly engaged in the Review Board process moving forward, but at this time, the focus of the community is on the public and technical hearings of a different project. We encourage the Board to consider timelines of other projects when determining deadlines for submission and comment.

Again, I must stress that this project is of significant concern to the community of Lutsel K'é as Thor Lake is not only in Akaitcho traditional territory, but also along a major summer and winter travel route for the Lutsel K'é Dene.

Thank you for your consideration and for any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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