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Re: Notice of referral to Environmental Assessment – Department of Transportation, Mackenzie Valley Highway EA1213-02

On Feb 8, 2013 the Department of Transportation (DoT) referred water licence and land use permit applications in support of DoT's proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway (the development) to environmental assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board). DoT as a Responsible Minister under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* has the authority to refer the development to the Review Board because DoT acknowledges that it is possible that activities associated with the Project might cause significant adverse impacts on the environment, or could potentially be a cause of public concern.

The proposed development is to construct an 818 km all-weather gravel highway from Wrigley to the Dempster highway near Inuvik

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) will hold issues scoping sessions with interested parties and agencies to help identify what aspects of the development require further analysis in the environmental assessment. Afterwards, the Review Board will determine both the scope of the development and scope of the assessment to produce a draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan. For further information on the Review Board's processes please go to, http://www.reviewboard.ca/review_board_101.

The Review Board will post an electronic copy of the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway project description report(s) and an Environmental Scoping Document produced by the Developer on its public registry at <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry>. In the interest of an efficient process, the Review Board encourages interested parties to review the development description report and Environmental Scoping document prior to participation in the scoping sessions. Parties wishing to obtain electronic copies of the development description report should contact the Review Board at (867) 766-7050.

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The Review Board website will be updated soon to reflect the new referral.



Regards,

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board