



FEB 12 2016

Chief Louis Balsillie
Deninu Kué First Nation
P.O. BOX 1899
FORT RESOLUTION, NT X0E 0M0

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Chief Balsillie:

Extension to the deadline to advise on the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the proposed Jay Project (File: EA1314-01)

On February 1 and 2, 2016, the Government of Canada (Canada) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) wrote to you and six other Aboriginal Governments and Organizations to request that you review the Jay Project Report of Environmental Assessment and provide comments by early March. In response to the February 4 and 5, 2016 request by the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, Canada and the GNWT have agreed to provide a 30 day extension to this deadline.

As you know, the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* (Report of EA) is a lengthy and comprehensive document that outlines numerous measures designed to mitigate the potential effects of the Jay Project. Our purpose in writing to the Deninu Kué First Nation is to confirm that the Report of EA, including the measures and Developer's commitments described therein, has addressed your concerns with respect to potential impacts on your asserted or established Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

Please provide any comments you may have in writing to Melissa Pink, Project Assessment Analyst, at Melissa.Pink@gov.nt.ca or by facsimile at (867) 920-3083 by **Monday, April 4, 2016**. The GNWT and Canada continue to work collaboratively in assessing this Project; as such, the Deninu Kué First Nation may choose to provide the same response to both the GNWT and Canada (Sarah.Robertson@cannor.gc.ca).

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about the process outlined above, please contact Melissa Pink by email, fax or telephone at (867) 767-9183 ext. 24069.

Sincerely,

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President Arthur Beck
Fort Resolution Métis Council
P.O. BOX 1921
FORT RESOLUTION, NT X0E 0M0

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear President Beck:

Extension to the deadline to advise on the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the proposed Jay Project (File: EA1314-01)

On February 1 and 2, 2016, the Government of Canada (Canada) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) wrote to you and six other Aboriginal Governments and Organizations to request that you review the Jay Project Report of Environmental Assessment and provide comments by early March. In response to the February 4 and 5, 2016 request by the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, Canada and the GNWT have agreed to provide a 30 day extension to this deadline.

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President Stanley Anablak
Kitikmeot Inuit Association
P.O. BOX 360
KUGLUKTUK NU X0B 0C0

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear President Anablak:

Extension to the deadline to advise on the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the proposed Jay Project (File: EA1314-01)

On February 1 and 2, 2016, the Government of Canada (Canada) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) wrote to you and six other Aboriginal Governments and Organizations to request that you review the Jay Project Report of Environmental Assessment and provide comments by early March. In response to the February 4 and 5, 2016 request by the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN), Canada and the GNWT have agreed to provide a 30 day extension to this deadline.

As you know, the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* (Report of EA) is a lengthy and comprehensive document that outlines numerous measures designed to mitigate the potential effects of the Jay Project. Our purpose in writing to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association is to confirm that the Report of EA, including the measures and Developer's commitments described therein, has addressed your concerns with respect to potential impacts on your established Treaty rights.

Please provide any comments you may have in writing to Melissa Pink, Project Assessment Analyst, at Melissa.Pink@gov.nt.ca or by facsimile at (867) 920-3083 by **Monday, April 4, 2016**. The GNWT and Canada continue to work collaboratively in assessing this Project; as such, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association may choose to provide the same response to both the GNWT and Canada (Sarah.Robertson@cannor.gc.ca).

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Chief Felix Lockhart
Łutselk'e Dene First Nation
P.O. BOX 28
ŁUTSEL K'E, NT X0E 1A0

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Chief Lockhart:

Łutselk'e Dene First Nation request for extension and funding for the review of the Jay Project (File EA1314-01) Report of Environmental Assessment

In response to the February 4 and 5, 2016 request by the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada (Canada) have agreed to provide a 30 day extension for the LKDFN to review the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* (Report of EA) for the Jay Project. The 30 day extension will also be afforded to the other Aboriginal Governments and Organizations that are reviewing the Jay Report of EA.

As you know, the Report of EA is a lengthy and comprehensive document that outlines numerous measures designed to mitigate the potential effects of the Jay Project. Our purpose in writing to Łutselk'e Dene First Nation is to confirm that the Report of EA, including the measures and Developer's commitments described therein, has addressed your concerns with respect to potential impacts on your asserted or established Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

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GNWT staff will be in contact with the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation Wildlife, Lands and Environment Department to discuss your funding request.

It is important to note, to date, no ministerial decisions have been made regarding the MVEIRB recommendation in the REA, and your input is important for informing decisions relating to the proposed project.

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President Bill Enge
North Slave Métis Alliance
P.O. BOX 2301
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2P7

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Dear President Enge:

Extension to the deadline to advise on the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the proposed Jay Project (File: EA1314-01)

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Chief Edward Erasmus
Tłıchq Government
P.O. BOX 412
BEHCHOKQ, NT X0E 0Y0

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Chief Erasmus:

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Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Ernest Betsina
Yellowknives Dene First Nation
P.O. BOX 2514
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2P8

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Dear Chiefs:

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