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**RE: MVEIRB Proposed Scoping Document: Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Development EA1415-02, Husky Oil Operations Limited**

Husky Oil Operations Limited (“Husky”) applied for a Land Use Permit to conduct an exploration program to delimit a silica deposit on its Chedabucto mineral claims located on the north arm of Great Slave Lake. After a review and preliminary screening, the Wek’eezhii Land and Water Board determined that there “might be cause for public concern”, and referred the application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) to conduct an Environmental Assessment. MVEIRB developed a Proposed Scoping Document (EA1415-02) which has been placed on the Registry for public review and comment.

In its review of the Proposed Scoping Document Husky identified several areas where the terminology used could be better clarified with some additional information:

- Use of “Whitebeach Point area” to reference the program area – Husky’s mineral claims cover an area of 300 square kilometres extending from Whitebeach Point at the northern end of claim block, some 20 kilometres south past Wrigley Point. Whitebeach Point refers to a location on a map rather than the entire project area.

- It is Husky's intention to conduct both the drilling and mini-bulk sampling programs during frozen ground conditions in the March/April time-frame to minimize impact on the environment.
- Use of the wording "4-man camp" – Husky wants to clarify that we will not have a conventional camp. No kitchen, no waste facilities, no permanent structure. Simply two tents that will act as 1) a First Aid/ Emergency Shelter, and 2) a sheltered area for core logging, and both will be removed from the project area at the end of each season's work.
- Use of "construction of a winter road" – no winter roads or ice bridges will be built to access the program. For the Phase II mini-bulk sampling program, overland access will be on snow-covered trails using a rubber-tracked Snowcat or equivalent vehicle. The route that Husky proposes to use is the along the existing winter trail that the GNWT-DOT used for years from Highway 3 to the existing quarry near Chedabucto Lake, then on snow-covered pioneer trails to the sample sites. No water is required to open the trail.
- Use of the term "trenching" for the mini-bulk sampling program – trenching envisions using a cat to rip a sizeable sample and multiple dump truck loads of material removed. We want to clarify that these are really just test pits (3 metres in diameter) that will be dug with a mini excavator to obtain up to 10 tons of unconsolidated material (4 to 8 ore bags) at each site. Phase II is contingent on results from the Phase I drilling program, the locations and number of sample sites are unknown at this time (maximum of 10 sample sites). After a sample is taken the sides of the test pits will be allowed to collapse and any ground cover will be replaced leaving a shallow indent in the ground.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours truly,



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