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**Re: EA1415-02 – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Information Request**

Dear Mr. Toogood,

The Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN) is pleased to provide the following information requests regarding the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project. The project area has been used by the Akaitcho Dene since time immemorial for hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering. Great Slave Lake and its surrounding area is home to an abundant amount of wildlife, fish and plants that are of meaningful use to the Akaitcho Dene. The Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project is within the current and traditional socio-economic use areas as identified in the Deninu K'ue Ethno-history Report prepared by Vanden Berg and Associates. We look forward to being involved in the environmental assessment of this project and as a start we offer the following information requests on the Proposed Scoping Document prepared by the MVRB and the initial land use application submitted by Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky)

***DKFN IR#1 Reference:*** Proposed Scoping Document, page 3

***Preamble:*** Under Phase I it is stated that Husky proposes to conduct these activities over the course of two to three years.

***Information Request:*** In recent information posted on the public registry, Husky outlines a different and more detailed schedule for both Phase I and Phase II. The Scoping Document should be updated and be consistent with the latest project schedule information.

**DKFN IR#2 Reference:** Proposed Scoping Document, page 6/7

**Preamble:** Section 2.3 lists issues for consideration during the EA.

**Information Request:** We request that additional issues for consideration be included such as potential impacts on water quality (surface and ground water). We would also like the Review Board to confirm that standard methods for conducting the environmental assessment will be followed; including, but not limited to, the use of measureable parameters and/or assessment endpoints in determining the significance of effects. These endpoints must not be limited to ecological values and should also take into consideration societal and traditional use values of the components being assessed.

**DKFN IR#3 Reference:** Proposed Scoping Document, page 7

**Preamble:** Direction is provided to the developer to address cumulative effects.

**Information Request:** In addition to the bullets listed under Section 2.3.1, we request that the developer also identify measurable parameters and the determination of significance for cumulative effects.

**DKFN IR#4 Reference:** Proposed Scoping Document, page 8

**Preamble:** Section 2.3.4 Geographic Scope considers potential impacts to the Tlicho, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, North Slave Metis Alliance and the NWT Metis Nation.

**Information Request:** We request that the geographic scope also include potential impact to the Akaitcho Dene and particularly the Deninu Kue First Nation.

**DKFN IR#5 Reference:** Proposed Scoping Document, page 10

**Preamble:** Table 1 provides the EA milestones and schedule.

**Information Request:** It is not clear at what stage the developer will update its information with the effects assessment information. Can the Review Board provide clarity on this?

**DKFN IR#6 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, page 5

**Preamble:** Under Traditional Knowledge, it is stated that Husky will work with the designated Aboriginal organizations.

**Information Request:** We request that the proponent and/or the Review Board provide some rationale why the Deninu Kue First Nation was not included as a designated Aboriginal organization.

**DKFN IR#7 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, page 11

**Preamble:** The second bullet states that the collection of groundwater samples from up to three RC bore holes locations and a lake grab sample...

**Information Request:** Please identify which lake the grab sample will be taken from.

**DKFN IR#8 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, page 11

**Preamble:** The fourth bullet mentions hydraulic testing on select bore holes.

**Information Request:** Please identify the amount of water used for this testing and where the water will be taken from.

**DKFN IR#8 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, page 12

**Preamble:** Section 4.0 provides a list of the equipment that will be used on site for the project.

**Information Request:** Earlier on this page, under Phase 2: Mini Bulk Sampling, it is stated that a standard bucket loader and haul truck will be use to collect the representative sample of material from the test pits. The bucket loader and haul truck is not mentioned in the list of equipment. Also, if no roads are to be constructed it is unclear how the bucket loader and haul truck will get around the project area. We request further clarification of the use of these equipment and how they will access the site.

**DKFN IR#9 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, Appendix II Closure and Reclamation Plan

**Preamble:** The Closure and Reclamation Plan makes reference to the disposal of cuttings from the diamond drill rig..

**Information Request:** Please provide the quantities of cuttings that are anticipated.

**DKFN IR#10 Reference:** Summary for Land Use Permit Application, Appendix VI Archaeological Impact Assessment Report

**Preamble:** The AIA Report mentions 100 proposed drill locations and a project area of approximately 195 km<sup>2</sup>, whereas the Land Use Permit application states that approximately 200 bore holes are proposed within a claim area of 299.45 km<sup>2</sup>.

**Information Request:** Please confirm that the Archaeological Impact Assessment covered the entire mineral claim area for this project.

In closing, we look forward to further engagement in the review process of this project. Should you require any clarification on our information request please contact our technical advisor, Marc d'Entremont, at [mdentremont@lgl.com](mailto:mdentremont@lgl.com) or 250-656-0127.

Sincerely,

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