



May 15, 2015

Mr. Simon Toogood  
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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Toogood:

**Husky Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment –  
GNWT Information Requests (EA-1415-02)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is committed to fostering balanced and sustainable land management decisions in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, and therefore participates in environmental assessments of NWT resource development proposals. The GNWT has reviewed Husky's response to GNWT's round one information request (IR) regarding the Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan, and submits the attached round two IR accordingly.

Should MVEIRB, the developer or any of the other parties to the Husky EA have any questions regarding GNWT's IR, please contact Lorraine Seale, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at [lorraine\\_seale@gov.nt.ca](mailto:lorraine_seale@gov.nt.ca) or 867-765-6786, or Charlotte Henry, Project Assessment Analyst, at [charlotte\\_henry@gov.nt.ca](mailto:charlotte_henry@gov.nt.ca) or 867-765-6785.

Sincerely,

Terry Hall  
Director, Land Use and Sustainability  
Department of Lands

Attachment:  
Information Request for Husky in MVEIRB ORS format



<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
<i>Be as specific as you think is appropriate; for example a section or page of the document, a recommendation #, general comment, etc.</i>	<i>Comments should contain all the information needed for the proponent and the Board to understand the rationale for the accompanying recommendation.</i>	<i>Recommendations can be for the proponent or for the Board. Recommendations should be as specific as possible, relating the issues raised in the "comment" column to an action that you believe is necessary.</i>
WWHPP Guidelines	<p><u>Preliminary Screening</u> GNWT recommended that the developer submit a WWHPP. The developer's response was that a WWHPP is not warranted for this time (Phase 1 and Phase 2).</p> <p><u>IR Round #1</u> On April 10, GNWT submitted a recommendation reiterating the importance of a WWHPP for this project:</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> The GNWT requests revised Wildlife, Archaeological, and Environmental Awareness Plans that incorporate information from the attached DRAFT GNWT Wildlife &amp; Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Guidelines.</p> <p><i>Husky IR Response:</i> Indicated that they will endeavour to record general wildlife sightings using the "Wildlife Observation" form provided by GNWT-ENR. Husky will submit completed forms to ENR at the end of each field operating season. Husky commits to reviewing the Wildlife, Archaeological, and Environmental Awareness Plans and, where appropriate, incorporate information from the DRAFT GNWT Wildlife &amp; Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Guidelines, while keeping the plans scaled to the actual scope of the project which is temporary and short duration.</p>	<p>GNWT reiterates that the wildlife aspects of the submitted Wildlife, Archaeological, and Environmental Awareness Plans could be strengthened by incorporating detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, including along the proposed winter access route.</p> <p>Developing and implementing SOPs is not only beneficial to stakeholders in providing more detailed information, it has a dual purpose of providing onsite mitigation and monitoring instructions for field staff. The topics and number of SOPs would be appropriate to the spatial and temporal scale of the project.</p> <p>SOP Examples: Roles and responsibilities of the Wildlife Monitor or protocols for the mitigation and reporting for incidents on the winter access road.</p> <p>GNWT requests that the proponent submit, prior to the start of operations, revised Wildlife, Archaeological, and Environmental Awareness Plans that incorporate detailed SOPs and information from the DRAFT GNWT Wildlife &amp; Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Guidelines. This type of information would likely be required by the Land and Water Board as a condition of the Land Use Permit.</p>