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Attention: Simon Toogood, Environmental Assessment Officer

Via email: [stoogood@reviewboard.ca](mailto:stoogood@reviewboard.ca)

**Re: Second Round of Information Requests from GNWT for Environmental Assessment of Husky Oil Operations Limited Chedabucto Silica Project**

Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) has received a second round of Information Requests (IRs) from the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) of Husky's Chedabucto Silica Project. The second round of IRs were submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) on May 15, 2015.

Husky submits the following information in response to the IRs.

**IR#1 – WWHPP Guidelines**

GNWT reiterates that the wildlife aspect 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.

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.

SOP examples: Roles and responsibilities of the Wildlife Monitor or protocols for the mitigation and reporting for incidents on the winter access road.

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 & 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.



## Husky's Response to IR#1

Husky has corresponded with Monica Wendt of GNWT Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) regarding our Wildlife, Archaeological, and Environmental Awareness Plan. Ms. Wendt has proposed to send examples of recently approved Plans that could be used as guidance to Husky as we review our own Plan. Husky acknowledges that ENR is looking for a revised Plan that incorporates SOPs that protect and mitigate impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat. Since February 2015, when the EA process commenced, Husky has responded to several IRs regarding wildlife and habitat and has identified a number of SOPs and mitigation measures that we have since committed to and recognize that these would be incorporated into our revised Plan.

Husky appreciates GNWT's acknowledgement that the revised Plan would be appropriate to the spatial and temporal scale of the project and would also allow us to consolidate our SOPs and mitigation measures into one document.

In our response to the first round of IRs from GNWT, submitted to MVEIRB on April 30, 2015, Husky has already committed to reviewing the Wildlife, Archeological, and Environmental Awareness Plan and, where appropriate, incorporate information from the DRAFT GNWT Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Guidelines, while keeping it scaled to the actual scope of the project which is temporary and short duration. As requested, the revised Plan will be submitted to ENR prior to the start of operations.

I trust the additional information and clarifications provided are sufficient for your requirements. Should you have any further requests for information, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (403) 298-6655 or by email at [ken.hansen@huskyenergy.com](mailto:ken.hansen@huskyenergy.com).

Sincerely,  
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