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Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

Participation and status of territorial departments in the Husky Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA-1415-02)

With this letter, the Department of Lands Project Assessment Branch (PAB), as the coordinating agency for territorial participation in the noted environmental assessment (EA), is pleased to provide a summary of anticipated Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) participation in the EA.

Because some of Husky's proposed drill sites are located on federal land (Wrigley Point), the delegation of environmental assessment decision-making authority to the Minister of Lands under the Devolution Final Agreement does not apply. Therefore, in this particular EA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada would sign the final decision letter. This decision would require concurrence from territorial Responsible Ministers (RMs).

Various GNWT departments are expected to be RMs under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* for this EA. The GNWT will make a final determination of RMs after the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) issues its Report of EA.

The following list provides a summary of relevant roles and expertise within the GNWT and is subject to adjustment as the EA proceeds.

Environment and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding wildlife, waters, forestry, air quality, and spill and fuel management as legislated under the following acts: <i>Environmental Protection Act, Waters Act, Forest Management Act, Forest Protection Act and Wildlife Act.</i>
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Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding the management and administration of the sustainable use of territorial land, including land use plans and land use and sustainability standards, guidelines, and policies.• Will be responsible for inspections on territorial land related to land use permits.
Education, Culture, and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding protection and management of archaeological sites.
Industry, Tourism and Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be involved in EA processes in order to seek ongoing collaboration with the developer to ensure that social and economic benefits of the project contribute to economic and business development in the NWT, and support community, family and individual well-being.
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide legal advice to GNWT departments throughout the EA process.• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes regarding potential socio-economic impacts on policing, courts, correction services, community justice, and the overall justice system.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes with respect to transportation system capacity, especially logistics, schedules, and use.
Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will provide specialist advice to GNWT departments in meeting their legal duty to consult Aboriginal governments and organizations.• Will provide specialist advice and be involved in EA processes to ensure decision making respects the negotiation and conclusion of Aboriginal rights agreements as well as territorial interests.

The Department of Lands PAB is the main contact for MVEIRB in the EA process and will coordinate GNWT participation in all phases of the EA.

Please contact Charlotte Henry at 765-6785 or via email at Charlotte_Henry@gov.nt.ca, or Lorraine Seale at 765-6786 or via email at Lorraine_Seale@gov.nt.ca, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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