

EA1415-02
Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project
Husky Oil Operations Limited

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Re: Information Requests

Dear Mr. Hansen

In order to conduct the environmental assessment of the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) must determine the scope of both the development and the environmental assessment. For this project the Review Board reviewed Husky Oil Operations Limited's (Husky) land use permit application, supporting information and the subsequent Preliminary Screening conducted by the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board. The Review Board will be relying upon this material in determining the scope of the environmental assessment, but following this review there are several areas that require further clarification along with several additional information requirements that are listed below.

The Review Board requests Husky submit its response to these information requests by Tuesday March 10, 2015.

IR#1 – Timing of Activities

The Review Board requests that Husky describe what activities will occur for each year over the life of the project. This will include the bulk sampling and drilling activities. If Husky is not able to give specifics the Review Board requests that Husky provide a likely scenario for the maximum amount, type and timing of activities that may occur for each year over the life of the project.

The Review Board is making this request because the land use permit application does not provide a clear description of the amount and timing of activities that may occur after first phase of the project.



IR#2 – Site Access

With respect to site access the application states that Phase II of the project, the bulk sampling, will require a winter road to access the site. Can Husky please provide additional information including the method of construction, detailed route maps, timing, and any proposed mitigations for any potential impacts resulting from the the construction and use of the road.

IR#3 - Cumulative Effects

Pursuant to ss. 117(2)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the Review Board considers cumulative effects in its determinations. Cumulative effects are the combined effects of the development in combination with other past, present or reasonably foreseeable future developments and human activities. In addressing cumulative effects, Husky is encouraged to refer to Appendix H of the *Review Board's Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines*.

Husky will:

- Describe and provide rationale for which past, present or reasonably foreseeable future developments and human activities are being considered in the cumulative effects assessment.
- Identify which of the valued components may be affected by other past, present or reasonably foreseeable future developments and human activities.
- Assess the likelihood, duration and magnitude of the combined effect of these human activities on the identified valued components.
- Describe any mitigation measures proposed to reduce or avoid the predicted effects, specifying if and how adaptive management will be used, and provide an assessment of any residual cumulative impacts.

The level of effort to complete this cumulative effects assessment is related to the magnitude and duration of the Chedabucto project effects.

Examples of past, present or reasonable foreseeable developments include the abandoned commercial fishing camp at Wrigley Point, the old DoT quarry, past exploration activity in the area, or other winter roads in the area including ice roads across the north arm.

IR#4 – Alternative Means

Pursuant to ss. 117(2)(e) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the Review Board considers alternatives means for carrying out project activities in its determinations. Husky will provide a description of alternative means for carrying out project activities that in its opinion are technically and economically feasible. This may include consideration of such things as the timing or location of activities or site access.



IR#5 - Public Engagement

The Review Board requests that Husky provide an updated Engagement Plan and Record. This should include any additional engagement that has occurred since the land use permit application was submitted and any plans for future engagement.

The Review Board encourages Husky to meet with interested groups outside the environmental assessment process, and to place any information from those discussions they consider may be relevant to the Review Board's decision on the public record. The following items are required for consideration of public engagement:

- An engagement log, describing dates, individuals and organizations engaged with, the mode of communication, discussion topics and positions taken by participants, including:
 - All commitments and agreements made in response to issues raised by the public during these discussions, and how these commitments altered the planning of the proposed Chedabucto Project;
 - All issues that remain unresolved, documenting any further efforts envisioned by the parties to resolve them ;
- Description of all methods used to identify, inform and solicit input from potentially interested parties, and any plans Husky has to keep engagement moving forward;
- How Husky has engaged, or intends to engage, traditional knowledge holders in order to collect relevant information for establishing baseline conditions and the effects assessment of potential impacts, as well as a summary table indicating where and how traditional knowledge was incorporated (see Review Board's Guidelines for Incorporating Traditional Knowledge in Environmental Impact Assessment).

The Review Board considers both traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge in its deliberations. In addition, ss. 115(c) of the MVRMA states, as a guiding principle for the Review Board, the importance of conservation to the well-being and way of life of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada to whom s. 35 of the *Constitution Act 1982* applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley. The developer will make all reasonable efforts to assist in the collection and consideration of traditional knowledge relevant to the project for the Review Board's consideration. Where it is applicable, the developer will make all reasonable efforts to incorporate traditional knowledge from Aboriginal culture holders in its assessment of specific impacts. The developer should refer to the Review Board's *Guidelines for Incorporating Traditional Knowledge* into the Environmental Impact Assessment Process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding these information requests. I can be reached at (867) 766-7053, or stoogood@reviewboard.ca.

Regards,

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