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VIA EMAIL

Chief Louis Balsillie
Deninu K'ue First Nation
P.O. Box 1899
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0

Dear Chief Balsillie:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the “Developer”) applied to the Wek’èzhìi Land and Water Board (“WLWB”) for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the “Project”) in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the “Review Board”) for environmental assessment (“EA”) because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

The location of the proposed Project is within the boundaries of the Akaitcho asserted territory. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the Deninu K’ue First Nation (“DKFN”) to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the DKFN to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board’s Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the DKFN is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on DKFN established and/or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,

- clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,
- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

For those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

The Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency will act as the Crown consultation coordinator on behalf of Ministers of the Government of Canada with statutory decision making responsibilities in relation to the Project. The Government of Canada looks forward to the DKFN actively participating in the EA, regulatory processes and related engagement opportunities.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact David Alexander, Project Manager (867-669-2597; david.alexander@cannor.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence
Director General
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VIA EMAIL

Chief Felix Lockhart
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
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Dear Chief Lockhart:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the "Developer") applied to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board ("WLWB") for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the "Project") in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the "Review Board") for environmental assessment ("EA") because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

The location of the proposed Project is within the boundaries of the Akaitcho asserted territory. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation ("LKDFN") to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the LKDFN to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board's Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the LKDFN is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on LKDFN established and / or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,
- clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,

- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

For those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

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VIA EMAIL

Bill Enge, President
North Slave Métis Alliance
PO Box 2301
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7

Dear Mr. Enge:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the “Developer”) applied to the Wek’èzhii Land and Water Board (“WLWB”) for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the “Project”) in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the “Review Board”) for environmental assessment (“EA”) because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

The location of the proposed Project is within an area where the North Slave Métis Alliance (“NSMA”) has previously asserted Aboriginal rights. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the NSMA to participate in the processes of the Review Board, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the NSMA to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board’s Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the NSMA is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on NSMA asserted Aboriginal rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,

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- clearly indicate the specific asserted right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those asserted right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,
- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

For those matters within its mandate, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as the engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

The Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency will act as the Crown consultation coordinator on behalf of Ministers of the Government of Canada with statutory decision making responsibilities in relation to the Project. The Government of Canada looks forward to the NSMA actively participating in the EA, regulatory processes and related engagement opportunities.

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VIA EMAIL

Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus
Tłjchq Government
PO Box 412
Behchoko, NT X0E 0Y0

Dear Grand Chief:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the “Developer”) applied to the Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board (“WLWB”) for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the “Project”) in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the “Review Board”) for environmental assessment (“EA”) because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

The location of the proposed Project is within the Wek’èezhìi Resource Management Area. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the Tłjchq Government to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the Tłjchq Government to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board’s Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the Tłjchq Government is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on Tłjchq established and/or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,
- clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,

- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

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VIA EMAIL

Garry Bailey, President
Northwest Territory Métis Nation
P.O. Box 720
Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0

Dear Mr. Bailey:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the "Developer") applied to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board ("WLWB") for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the "Project") in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the "Review Board") for environmental assessment ("EA") because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

The location of the proposed Project includes a portion of the area described in the *Interim Measures Agreement (2002)* with the predecessor to the Northwest Territory Métis Nation ("NWTMN"). Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to encourage the NWTMN to participate in the processes of the Review Board and the WLWB, as well as in the engagement efforts of the Developer.

During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the NWTMN to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board's Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the NWTMN is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on NWTMN asserted Aboriginal rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,

- clearly indicate the specific asserted right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those asserted right(s), how those impacts can be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help in understanding those impacts; and,
- support the Review Board in understanding the evidence, including traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

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VIA EMAIL

Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Ernest Betsina
Yellowknives Dene First Nation
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

Dear Chiefs:

RE: Participation in the Husky Oil Operations Limited – Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-02)

As you are aware, Husky Oil Operations Limited (the “Developer”) applied to the Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board (“WLWB”) for a land use permit to conduct mineral exploration activities (the “Project”) in an area on the western shore of the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. On February 13, 2015, after having undertaken a preliminary screening of the proposed Project, the WLWB referred the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the “Review Board”) for environmental assessment (“EA”) because the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

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During the EA process, a variety of opportunities are available for the YKDFN to communicate any related concerns to the Review Board, including during the comment period for the Review Board’s Proposed Scoping Document, possible information requests to the Developer, interventions from parties and at the community hearing. When providing such input, the YKDFN is encouraged to:

- clearly indicate, in as much detail as possible, whether any adverse impacts on YKDFN established and/or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are anticipated as a result of the Project; and, if so,

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