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Re: Board Appointments

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) is unable to comment at this time on the appointment of Rachel Crapeau to the Board, or on her involvement in the Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review.

The reason the NSMA is unable to comment is that we have not been provided with sufficient capacity to explain the issues to our members, and to develop a consensus among them.

On this type of an issue, where standard instructions or past practice do not provide guidance, it would be extremely inappropriate for a staff member, or even for an elected leader, to speak on behalf of the community without adequate consultation.

The NSMA is of the view that the Board has a duty to Consult the NSMA on this matter, and that it should ensure that sufficient capacity exists to enable Consultation to occur.

Sincerely,

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