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Note to File

RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project, Government of the Northwest Territories

On October 12, 2023, the Government of the Northwest Territories (the developer) submitted its *Developer's Assessment Report*. Since then, Review Board staff have had discussions about upcoming EA process steps with several parties. These discussions were high level and focused on the conformity check step and an overview of the typical steps that occur in the analysis phase of an assessment. These discussions were also in the context of CIRNAC's participant funding application process, which closed on November 2, 2023.

A summary of communications with various groups is provided below:

Délı̄nē Got'ı̄nē Government: phone conversation about typical steps during the analysis phase of an environmental assessment.

Łı̄ı̄ı̄ı̄ Kúé First Nation: phone conversation about typical steps during the analysis phase of an environmental assessment.

Environment and Climate Change Canada: phone conversation about typical steps during the analysis phase of an environmental assessment.

Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (SSI): at the SSI's request, Review Board staff travelled to Norman Wells to attend an open house on the Mackenzie Valley Highway project and to present to the SSI Board. The focus of discussions was on the EA process and typical steps during the analysis phase.

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