

September 27, 2023

# Notice of Proceeding

**File EA1213-02 Mackenzie Valley Highway Project, Government of the Northwest Territories**

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***RE: Immediate next steps after submission of the Developers Assessment Report***

In its September 26, 2023 letter, the Government of the Northwest Territories (the developer) indicated it intends to submit its Developers Assessment Report (DAR) for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project in mid-October 2023 (PR#[84](#)).

In this Notice of Proceeding, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) would like to describe the immediate next steps once it receives the DAR. Once the Review Board receives the DAR, it will post it to the public registry and conduct an internal conformity check as described in the EIA Guidelines (2004).<sup>1</sup> Depending on the results of the conformity check, the Review Board may a) require additional information from the developer or b) if the DAR conforms to the requirements of the Terms of Reference, it will issue a Notice of Proceeding describing the next step of the assessment. The Review Board expects to release a draft workplan for the next steps of the assessment at that time.

During the conformity check, parties are encouraged to begin studying the DAR. Once the conformity check is complete, parties will be able to review and comment on the DAR. This step will be described in a future notice of proceeding.

## Contact Information

For questions or more information, please contact Senior Environmental Assessment Analyst Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca)).

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<sup>1</sup> Available here: <https://reviewboard.ca/file/614/download?token=3dz7s5gt>.