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Dear Chief Hope:

**GNWT response to ADKFN Follow-up Discussion on the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project Environmental Assessment Workplan (EA1213-02)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has completed a review of the Acho Dene Koe First Nation (ADKFN) Letter to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway – Environmental Impact Review (EA 1213-02) Follow-up Discussion, dated August 6, 2024.

The GNWT appreciates the comments raised by the ADKFN with respect to the Project. As described within section 23.2.1 of the Developer’s Assessment Report (DAR), an adaptive management framework for the project will be implemented. The framework will provide a formalized approach to monitoring, following the guiding principles described in Section 9.15.1 of the DAR. The adaptive management process supports project-specific mitigation measures by monitoring and adapting the mitigation measures, if required, to ensure they are effective. Changes to the environment will be detected through monitoring programs which monitor specific measurable indicators against a specific threshold. Action levels will be established, which will “trigger” management action commensurate with the magnitude of an environmental change, to avoid reaching a threshold.

This work will be defined through engagement with Indigenous Governments, Indigenous Organizations and other potentially impacted parties. As described within the DAR, the Community Readiness Strategy and associated plans and working groups will be developed to mitigate the potential adverse socio-economic effects of the Project and maximize the potential positive effects of the Project on affected communities. As such, the geographic scope of the Strategy is the affected communities identified as being within the Local Assessment Area (LAA) and the Regional Assessment Area (RAA). By extension, corridor working groups are anticipated to be composed of representation from LAA and RAA communities.

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As discussed with ADKFN representatives on September 26, 2024, the GNWT is interested in further discussions with the ADKFN on their specific concerns, as well as opportunities to participate in the project moving forward. Upcoming community sessions in Fort Simpson (October 16, 2024) and/or Wrigley (October 17, 2024) present a near term opportunity to continue these discussions. The GNWT encourages ADKFN's participation in these sessions.

Should the ADKFN have any questions, please contact Mr. Seth Bohnet at (867) 767-9082 ext. 31305, or by email at [Seth\\_Bohnet@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Seth_Bohnet@gov.nt.ca). Alternatively, they can reach out to Ms. Patricia Coyne, Manager Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Affairs, at (867) 767-9082 ext. 31033, or by email at [Patricia\\_Coyne@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Patricia_Coyne@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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