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Dear Catherine Fairbairn:

EA1213-02: Mackenzie Valley Highway, Information Requests – Responses to MVEIRB, CanNor, DGG, DRRC, FNMC, PKFN and LKFN

On behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), the Department of Infrastructure is pleased to confirm that responses to the remaining Information Requests (IR) for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project (EA1213-02) have been submitted via the Online Review System (ORS).

With this letter, the GNWT is also submitting a supplemental filing (see attached, Supplement to the Developer's Assessment Report Chapter 7: Assessment of Alternatives) to be posted on the public registry. It provides a qualitative assessment of the alternative, accelerated construction timeline and is referenced in several IR responses.

Responses have been prepared in accordance with the GNWT's Whole of Government Approach to the Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment. The GNWT has reviewed the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's July 15, 2024 letter regarding the Review Board's information requests (PR 235) and confirms that subject matter expertise from all relevant line departments has been considered in the drafting, review, and approval of these responses. Every department is contributing to efforts to minimize negative social, cultural, and environmental impacts, while maximizing benefits for NWT residents from this project. Where required, individual departments are identified in specific responses.

The GNWT has endeavored to respond to all IRs comprehensively, while adhering to the timelines established by the Board and respecting our mutual desire to advance this assessment in a timely manner. Upcoming community and technical sessions will provide an excellent opportunity for parties to the EA to continue the dialogue started through the 141 ORS comments and 158 IRs. The GNWT looks forward to these discussions.

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If you have any questions regarding the responses, please contact Seth Bohnet at (867) 767-9082 ext. 31305, or by email at Seth.Bohnet@gov.nt.ca. Alternatively, you can reach out to Patricia Coyne, Manager Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Affairs, at (867) 767-9082 ext. 31033, or by email at Patricia.Coyne@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Seth Bohnet in black ink.

For/ Seth Bohnet
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Attachment

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