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Mark Cliffe Phillips

Executive Director

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Re: EA1213 02, Mackenzie Valley Highway, Inuvik Community Re Scoping Session

Dear Mr. Cliffe Phillips:

I am writing as Senior Technical Lead for the Nihtat Technical Team regarding the Review Board's August 28, 2026 Notice of Proceeding and the Inuvik community re scoping session scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Unfortunately, the Nihtat Technical Team will not be able to participate on September 8. As the meeting immediately follows the Labour Day long weekend, there is insufficient time for members of the Technical Team to make travel arrangements and adequately prepare for the session.

The Nihtat Technical Team is requesting a separate technical re scoping session. A Nihtat focused session would provide a valuable opportunity to identify and discuss Nihtat specific environmental, social, cultural and economic matters that may need to be considered in the revised Terms of Reference.

Members of the Nihtat Technical Team will be in Inuvik in late September and will be available to meet. Alternatively, we are open to working with Review Board and GNWT staff to identify another suitable date that meets everyone's schedule.

Going forward, we would also appreciate having a tentative schedule of upcoming meeting dates and anticipated review and response periods, provided on a rolling three month basis. This will assist us in coordinating the appropriate Technical Team members, reviewing materials, arranging travel and being well prepared to contribute meaningfully to the process.

We remain committed to participating constructively in the Mackenzie Valley Highway re scoping process and to working with the Review Board and GNWT as the process proceeds.

Please place this correspondence on the public record for EA1213 02.

Sincerely,



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