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EA1213-02: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project – Updated Project Description and Draft Revised Terms of Reference

Dear Ms. Fairbairn:

In response to your August 24, 2026, letter and request for an updated Project Description of the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) Project, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is pleased to provide an updated Project Description reflecting the extension of the MVH Project from Wrigley to the Dempster Highway (Highway No. 8), as well as associated activities (see Attachment A).

The GNWT has also developed a draft revised Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) consideration. The draft revised TOR builds on the 2015 Revised TOR for the MVH and incorporates the recent changes to the project scope. Changes to the TOR have been identified through track changes.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 767-9082 ext. 31033 or via email at Patricia.Coyne@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Patricia Coyne
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Attachments

- A – Updated Project Description for the Mackenzie Valley Highway
- B – Draft Revised TOR for the Mackenzie Valley Highway

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