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Delegated Officials - Aboriginal Consultation by the Government of the Northwest Territories on the Environmental Assessment of the proposed Line 490 Replacement Project - (MVEIRB File EA2425-01)

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is initiating a joint Aboriginal consultation process with the Government of Canada (Canada) on the proposed **Line 490 Replacement Project, EA2425-01** (the Project), which was referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) for environmental assessment (EA) on September 24, 2024.

Information on this environmental assessment is available on the Review Board's public registry at: [Line 490 Replacement Project - EA2425-01 | Review Board](#).

At the end of the Review Board's process, the Board will issue a Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision. Under section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, I and the other responsible Ministers (federal and territorial) will then make a decision on the recommendation in the Review Board's Report as to whether the proposed Project should proceed or not.

The GNWT must fulfill its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate on this decision, and will rely on the Review Board's EA process to assist with this work. This consultation and potential future accommodation will be in relation to those matters identified by your government and/or organization during the EA process that have the potential to have adverse impacts on your asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights.

The GNWT will work closely with the Government of Canada throughout the environmental assessment and decision processes and will coordinate Aboriginal consultation processes where possible.

CONSULTATION PROCESS COORDINATION

As the GNWT Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I am responsible for GNWT-wide consultation processes related to environmental assessments. I have delegated to Lorraine Seale, the Director of Impact Assessment and Security Management, the responsibility for keeping Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations informed of the status, outcomes and consultation process associated with the Environmental Assessment of the proposed Line 490 Replacement Project. I have also tasked Lorraine Seale with the responsibility for coordinating the GNWT's Aboriginal consultation process, including coordination with Canada. Lorraine Seale can be reached by email at Lorraine_Seale@gov.nt.ca and by telephone at 867-767-9180, ext. 24020.

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Please identify your main contact person for Aboriginal consultation on the Project if it is someone other than yourself, to ensure that all future consultation correspondence is with a representative properly mandated and authorized by your government or organization. We would appreciate it if you could forward this information to Lorraine Seale prior to March 20, 2025.

Shortly, the GNWT will send a letter with more details to continue this consultation on the Project. That letter will discuss:

- a) Details on how the consultation will proceed using the Review Board's process;
- b) Information on accessing federal funding for participation in this EA
- c) any other noteworthy matters in relation to the consultation process.

The Government of Canada will also be sending a notification letter to potentially impacted Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations to initiate consultation for this Environmental Assessment and to outline its consultation approach. If you have questions or would like to discuss the Project, please contact Lorraine Seale, by email at [Lorraine Seale@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Lorraine.Seale@gov.nt.ca).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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