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**Re: Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment EA1213-02 – Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council Participation in Re-Scoped Environmental Assessment**

Dear Ms. Fairbairn:

I am writing on behalf of the Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council ("EGC") concerning the Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment, EA1213-02, and the Review Board's current re-scoping of the assessment following the Government of the Northwest Territories' proposal to expand the Project from the previously assessed Wrigley-to-Norman Wells corridor northward to a connection with the Dempster Highway south of Inuvik.

EGC is a Designated Gwich'in Organization based in Aklavik, Northwest Territories, representing the rights and interests of its Gwich'in members.

The proposed expansion of the Project substantially increases the geographic scope of the environmental assessment and brings the Project and its potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects into areas of particular importance to EGC members.

EGC therefore wishes to confirm that it intends to **participate directly and fully in the re-scoped environmental assessment.**

EGC's participation will include, as appropriate, consideration of potential effects upon Gwich'in rights and interests; traditional and contemporary land use; harvesting; wildlife and wildlife habitat; fish and water; access to lands and resources; culturally important areas; Indigenous Knowledge; social, cultural and economic effects; cumulative effects; and potential mitigation, monitoring and accommodation measures.

Meaningful participation will require EGC to engage with its members, Elders, knowledge holders and harvesters; review the updated Project Description, proposed Terms of Reference and subsequent technical information; identify and document potentially affected rights, interests and land uses; and obtain appropriate technical, environmental, Indigenous Knowledge and legal advice where required.

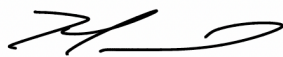
EGC is presently seeking participant funding through the Northern Participant Funding Program to assist with this work.

EGC understands that the Review Board issued Notices of Proceeding concerning the re-scoping of EA1213-02 in August 2026 and that an online review of the scope of the environmental assessment is now underway.

Accordingly, EGC respectfully requests that:

1. EGC be included directly as a participant in EA1213-02 and in the present re-scoping process;
2. EGC be included on all distribution and notification lists for EA1213-02;
3. EGC receive notice of all opportunities to participate in community and technical re-scoping sessions, online reviews, information requests, technical sessions, workshops, hearings and other proceedings relating to the assessment;
4. EGC be provided with, or directed to, the current procedural schedule, draft work plan, updated Project Description, proposed updated Terms of Reference and other documents presently requiring review or comment; and
5. the Review Board advise EGC of **any current or approaching procedural deadline** that EGC must meet in order to participate fully in the

Yours truly



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