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## **Pine Point Mine Project Environmental Assessment**

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**RE: Review Board Ruling to accept written confidential Indigenous Traditional Knowledge from Kátł'odeeche First Nation**

Dear Chief Elaine,

### **Review Board Ruling**

In response to Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN)'s request, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) has decided to accept Indigenous Traditional Knowledge from KFN in written form under confidential cover, for the following reasons:

- The information described by KFN may be useful for predicting and determining the significance of impacts of the Pine Point Mine project.
- The Review Board issued an information request to KFN and the Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Report KFN wishes to submit could provide information answering those information requests.
- It would be potentially harmful to KFN if this information were made public.
- The EA can proceed fairly by having a plain language summary of KFN's submitted confidential information (that does not include the confidential information) on the public registry, and a process for accessing the confidential information in a controlled manner for any parties who need to see the information for fairness purposes.

### **Background**

The Review Board received KFN's request to submit its response to the Review Board's information request under confidential cover during a [meeting with Review Board staff](#) where the information requests were discussed. In a follow-up email, KFN asked the Review Board to accept Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in written form under confidential cover. The Review Board [asked](#) parties to provide any comments on this by December 17,



2025. North Slave Métis Alliance expressed support; no parties expressed concerns. The Review Board considered parties' comments when making its Ruling.

All related submissions will be placed on the public registry for this environmental assessment. Please send any questions to Melissa Pink at 867-766-7052 or [mpink@reviewboard.ca](mailto:mpink@reviewboard.ca)

Respectfully,

JoAnne Deneron

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read "JoAnne Deneron".

Chairperson

