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Dear Ms. Fairbairn:

**Request for Extension – Developer’s Assessment Report Addendum and Information Requests - Mackenzie Valley Highway Project Environmental Assessment (EA1213-02)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is requesting an extension of the April 11, 2025 deadline for submission of the Developer’s Assessment Report Addendum, following the recent receipt of a report from the Pehdzéh Kì First Nation (PKFN) titled *The Mackenzie Valley Alternate Highway Route Alignment – A Study on Physical Viability*. The GNWT is currently assessing the potential implications of this new information, which includes a proposed alternative project alignment.

The GNWT is also requesting an extension of the deadline for responding to all remaining Round 2 Information Requests (IRs) to allow the GNWT time to focus on this new development. Our ability to address several IRs depends in part on the outcome of our internal review of PKFN’s proposal.

We respectfully request a two-month extension to allow sufficient time for this important work to occur in a carefully considered manner, including engagement with PKFN and other Indigenous governments. The GNWT will continue to submit responses to those IR’s not affected by the alternative project route as time and resources permit. The GNWT remains committed to a transparent and rigorous review process, and we believe this additional time will help ensure all relevant factors are fully considered.

We would be pleased to discuss this request further at your convenience. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867)-767-9082 ext. 31035, or by email at Seth\_Bohnet@gov.nt.ca. Alternatively, you can reach out to Patricia Coyne, Manager MVH Environmental Affairs at (867)-767-9082 ext. 31033, or by email at Patricia\_Coyne@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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