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File: S26E-004
S26L8-003

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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

Re: Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure – Prohibition Creek Access Road and Christina Creek Realignment – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Applications for Land Use Permit S26E-004 and Water Licence S26L8-003 – Public Road and Miscellaneous – Prohibition Creek near the Town of Norman Wells, NT

The Sahtú Land and Water Board (Board) met on October 8, 2026, and considered the Application Packages from Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) for Land Use Permit (Permit) S26E-004 and Water Licence (Licence) S26L8-003 for the Prohibition Creek Access Road and Christina Creek Realignment (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceedings. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the changes to the Project to environmental assessment. The Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Permit S26E-004 and Licence S26L8-003 on **Monday, October 19, 2026.**

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Paul Dixon via email or at (867) 598 2413 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Gordon
Chair, Sahtú Land and Water Board

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision