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Staff Report

Applicant: True North Safaris Ltd.	
Location: Mackay Lake, NT	Application: MV2013J0006
Date Prepared: August 31, 2015	Meeting Date: September 9, 2015
Subject: Engagement Plan and revised Spill Contingency Plan	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB/the Board) for their consideration the following Plans submitted by True North Safaris Ltd. (TNS):

- a) The Engagement Plan (EP); and
- b) The revised Spill Contingency Plan (SCP).

2. Background

- September 24, 2013 – Land Use Plan (LUP) MV2013J0006 issued for 5 years;
- March 24, 2014 – EP and revised SCP due;
- December 2, 2014 – Inspector issued an order to TNS to submit the EP and revised SCP no later than January 23, 2015;
- January 21, 2015 – Amendment application received;
- March 2, 2015 – Amendment request to extend submission dates to June 30, 2015 for the EP and revised SCP was approved by the Board;
- July 10, 2015 – EP received;
- July 29, 2015 – revised SCP received; EP and SCP were sent out for review;
- August 20, 2015 – Reviewer comments due;
- August 31, 2015 – Updated SCP (version 1.3) submitted;
- September 1, 2015 – Proponent responses due;
- September 9, 2015 – EP and revised SCP presented to the Board; and
- September 23, 2018 – LUP expires.

3. Discussion

TNS holds a Type A LUP for the operation of Mackay Lake Lodge to accommodate mining exploration personnel, film crews, and workshop participants, in addition to hunters and fishers.

An EP was not included in TNS's LUP Application. A requirement for TNS to submit an EP within six months following issuance (i.e. March 24, 2014) was included in the LUP to ensure that ongoing engagement activities are taking place as part of the development.

A condition requiring an updated SCP to be submitted within six months following issuance (i.e. March 24, 2014) was included in the LUP. The Board's September 24, 2013 issuance letter (see attached) outlined the specific items that required revision in the SCP.

On December 2, 2014 the Lands Inspector issued an Order (see attached) to TNS requiring submission of the overdue plans by January 23, 2015. Following receipt of this Order, TNS applied for an amendment to extend the submission dates for these plans by six months. The amendment was granted to TNS and the new due date for the EP and revised SCP was set for June 30, 2015.

The EP was received on July 10, 2015 and the revised SCP (version 1.2) was received on July 29, 2015. Following the review, a revised SCP (version 1.3) was submitted by TNS in response to reviewer comments.

4. Comments

N/A

5. Review Comments

By August 20, 2015 comments were received from two reviewers:

- Environment Canada (EC) submitted a comment that a phone number needed correction; and
- Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) submitted a no comment letter.

TNS responded on September 1, 2015. The reviewer comment summary table is attached.

6. Security

No security was required for this LUP.

7. Conclusion

The EP follows the format recommended in the MVLWB's *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits*.

Board staff has reviewed the revised SCP against the revision requirements outlined in the Board's September 24, 2013 letter and determined that TNS has addressed all requirements. On August 31, 2015 Version 1.3 of the SCP was submitted that included the phone number correction EC had recommended in their comments.

8. Recommendation

Board staff recommends the Board:

- a) Approve the Engagement Plan; and
- b) Approved the SCP (Version 1.3).

9. Attachments

- [Engagement Plan](#);
- [Revised Spill Contingency Plan \(Version 1.2\)](#);
- [Corrected Spill Contingency Plan \(Version 1.3\)](#);
- [Land Use Permit Issuance letter - September 24, 2013](#);
- [Lands Inspector Order - December 2, 2014](#);
- Comment summary table; and
- Draft decision letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Ehrlich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "E".

Miki Ehrlich
Regulatory Officer

Review Comment Table

Board:	MVLWB
Review Item:	True North Safaris Ltd - Revised Spill Contingency Plan and Engagement Plan
File(s):	MV2013J0006
Proponent:	True North Safaris Ltd.
Document(s):	MV2013J0006 - True North Safaris Ltd - Revised Spill Contingency Plan (Version 1.2) (2 MB) MV2013J0006 - True North Safaris Ltd - Engagement Plan (1 MB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	July 29 at 11:21 Distribution List
Reviewer Comments Due By:	Aug 20, 2015
Proponent Responses Due By:	Sep 1, 2015
Item Description:	<p>True North Safaris Ltd. has submitted a revised Spill Contingency Plan and an Engagement Plan, as required by condition 37 and condition 7 of their Land Use Permit for Mackay Lake Lodge. Please submit comments on these Plans using the Online Review System.</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments regarding this review or using the Online Review System, please contact Miki Ehrlich at 867-766-7469 or mehrlich@mvlwb.com.</p>
General Reviewer Information:	<p>In addition to the email distribution list, the following organizations received review materials by fax:</p> <p>Fort Resolution Métis Council - Trudy King - (867)394-3322</p> <p>Hay River Metis Council - Wally Shuman, President - (867)874-4472</p> <p>NWT Metis Nation - Tim Heron, NWTMN IMA Coordinator - (867)872-3586</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Angela Love 867-766-7456</p> <p>Miki Ehrlich 867-766-7469</p>

Comment Summary

Environment Canada: Bradley Summerfield				
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Response
1	General File	Comment (doc) EC Cover Letter Recommendation		

2	Environment Canada (EC) Contact	<p>Comment EC notes that the EC contact number on page 16 - ii) Off-site resources is incorrect.</p> <p>Recommendation In the case of a spill or emergency, the 24 Hour Northwest Territories Spill Report Line should be contacted first, who will then involve EC Emergencies. For information relating to the environmental enforcement and reporting requirements under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and the Fisheries Act please contact the EC Environmental Enforcement 24 Hour Duty Officer at 780-499-2432. EC also has a National Environmental Emergencies Centre (NEEC) whose primary role is to provide technical and scientific environmental advice and assistance to the lead agency, in the event of an environmental emergency. A lead agency is described as the governmental authority that regulates or has authority over the activity from which the emergency originated. EC helps to identify the environmental protection priorities and provide advice on ways to reduce the pollution's impact on the environment. This advice can include weather forecasts, location of wildlife and sensitive ecosystems, and expertise on spill counter-measure and remediation options. NEEC can be contacted at 849-997-2800.</p>	<p>Sep 1: Thank you for this comment. The correction has been made.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. The Spill Contingency Plan has been updated with the correct number and resubmitted.</p>
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GNWT - Environment and Natural Resources: Central Email GNWT

ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Response
1	General File	<p>Comment (doc) ENR No Comments or Recommendations at this time.</p> <p>Recommendation</p>		



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EC File: 5700 000 055/001
MVLWB File: MV2013J0006

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Via online submission

RE: MV2013J0006 – True North Safaris Ltd – Revised Spill Contingency Plan and Engagement Plan

Attention: Miki Ehrlich

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) regarding the above-mentioned management plans and is submitting comments via the online review system as requested by the MVLWB. EC's specialist advice is provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4707 or Bradley.Summerfield@ec.gc.ca

Sincerely,

Bradley Summerfield
Environmental Assessment Coordinator

Attachment(s): EC comments Excel Sheet

Canada

www.ec.gc.ca

cc: Sarah-Lacey McMillan, A/Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU),
PNR-EPOD



**Northwest
Territories** Environment and Natural Resources

August 20, 2015

Angela Love
Regulatory Officer
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Dear Ms. Love,

**Re: True North Safaris Ltd.
Land Use Permit – MV2013J0006
Revised Spill Contingency Plan and Engagement Plan
Request for Comment**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has reviewed the plans at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Forest Management Act*, the *Forest Protection Act*, the *Waters Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and has no comments or recommendations for the consideration of the Board at this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at 920-6118 or patrick_clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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