

## Permits

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**From:** Miki Ehrlich  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** Permits  
**Subject:** FW: MV2013J0006 - True North Safaris Ltd.  
**Attachments:** MV2013J0006 - TNS - GNWT Lands letter following up on Sept 10-14 and Aug 11-15 Inspection Reports - Sept15-15.pdf

Please post email and attachment to MV2013J0006 – Reports and studies – Other  
Title: TNS – Lands responds to TNS request for clarification – Nov1-15

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**From:** Clint Ambrose [mailto:Clint\_Ambrose@gov.nt.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2015 7:39 PM  
**To:** tns\_gary@ssimicro.com  
**Cc:** gary@truenorthsafaris.com; Miki Ehrlich; Joe Heron  
**Subject:** RE: MV2013J0006 - True North Safaris Ltd.

Gary,

Please find attached Mr. Joe Heron's September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 letter to True North Safaris, and items 1-10 are the concerns that require your attention. The Department of Lands is seeking written documentation detailing if any of the concerns have been addressed, if so how, and if not, when and how will they be addressed.

Please provide a response to each one of the ten items in the attached letter, and if you are still having difficulty understanding what exactly Mr. Heron is requesting of True North Safaris, please do not hesitate to contact him by phone.

As for the questions you've posed, they have been answered numerous times either in meetings with various Regulators, or responses from the Regulatory Officer at the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. Below is the link to the Board's website and your sought responses can be found here;

<http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/mv/SitePages/search.aspx?Company=True+North+Safaris+Ltd.+&app=MV2013J0006>

The deadline for submission of written documentation has past and Mr. Heron has graciously provided you a third extension to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and your cooperation to comply with the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*, operating conditions annexed to land use permit MV2013J0006, and requests of an Inspector is anticipated.

Regards,

Clint

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** Joe Heron; [tns\\_gary@ssimicro.com](mailto:tns_gary@ssimicro.com)  
**Cc:** [gary@truenorthsafaris.com](mailto:gary@truenorthsafaris.com); Clint Ambrose; [mehrlich@mvlwb.com](mailto:mehrlich@mvlwb.com); [permits@mvlwb.com](mailto:permits@mvlwb.com); Miki Ehrlich;  
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Mr Heron

Please be specific in you request for me to further adress your concerns

Please specify which concerns you require more address

Also I have asked a number of questions several times including naming the "approved Facilities that you rfer to, and who owns them and who approved tham and how can we apply to get our own approved facilities

Unless to address these questions, I will have no choice but to take this to both Federal and GNWT higher authorities

Gary Jaeb

----- Original Message -----

**From:**  
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**Sent:**  
Fri, 30 Oct 2015 19:51:17 +0000

**Subject:**  
RE: MV2013J0006 - True North Safaris Ltd.

Good day Mr. Jaeb,

Thank-you for your response letter dated October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, but unfortunately your letter fails to adequately address the concerns outlined in our letter dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This is the third time we've requested information of you to address the concerns outlined in the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 & August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports. As such, **you are required to provide an adequate response in writing to the Inspector no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Your continued failure to do so may leave the Inspector no other alternative but to issue an **Inspectors Order pursuant to Section 86 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.**

For any concerns you may have regarding Conditions within Land Use Permit MV2013J0006, you may direct your inquiries to Ms. Miki Ehrlich at the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board at 867-766-7649.

As you requested, please find attached the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 & August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports along with the follow-up letter we sent you dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Joe Heron

Resource Management Officer II (Inspector)



September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

True North Safaris Ltd.  
P.O. Box 26  
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2N1

**Attention: Mr. Gary Jaeb**

**Re: Land Use Permit MV2013J0006  
Campsite/Lodge  
Mackay Lake, NT**

Dear Mr. Jaeb,

We received your e-mail and attached letter of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and are appreciative of the efforts undertaken to rectify some of the previously noted concerns such as the disposal of some hydrocarbon impacted soils and the relocation of some of your fuel drums. However, Inspectors require clarification of specific concerns noted in the Inspection Report of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and reiterated in the Inspection Report of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the form of written documentation:

1. Photos #4 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Hydrocarbon impacted soils at the generator shed:
    - Hydrocarbon impacted soils are to be properly cleaned up, containerized and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility
2. Photo #5 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Photo #3 – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Containerized hydrocarbon impacted soils:
    - Overtopping drums containing hydrocarbon impacted soils must be stopped from overflowing, the drums properly sealed from the elements and the hydrocarbons in the impacted water sopped up with hydrocarbon absorbent matting. The matting must be properly disposed of offsite at an authorized disposal facility. The incineration of hydrocarbon waste onsite is unacceptable.
    - Hydrocarbon impacted soils in the area of the barrels are to be properly cleaned up, containerized and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility
3. Photo #6 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Photo #5 – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Hydrocarbon impacted soils under the parked grader:
    - Parked equipment must have secondary containment placed underneath to prevent hydrocarbons from impacting the soils
    - Hydrocarbon impacted soils at the grader are to be properly cleaned up, containerized and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility

4. Photo #7 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Photo #6 – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Fuel drums at the incinerator:
    - The drums are to be removed from the area of the incinerator and staged with the drums on the apron of the airstrip
    - The use of accelerants for incineration purposes is unacceptable. Only paper, cardboard and untreated lumber is allowed to be incinerated onsite
5. Photo #7 – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Report
  - Waste metals and ash present at the incinerator:
    - Waste metals are to be segregated from the ash of the incinerator, containerized and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility
    - Ash from the incinerators is to be containerized, sealed and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility
6. Photos #8 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Empty fuel drums on the apron of the airstrip:
    - The empty fuel drums are to be removed from site on an ongoing basis
7. Photos #9 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Drum of fuel stored too closely to Mackay Lake, unlabeled and leaking:
    - The fuel in the drum must be placed into a competent drum to prevent hydrocarbons from further impacting the surrounding soils and the drums moved to a location at least 100 metres from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of surrounding watercourses. Fuel drums must be stored with the bungs placed at the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions
    - The name of the Permittee is to be stenciled on all fuel drums containing fuel in the land use area
8. Photos #10 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Drums of fuel stored too closely to Mackay Lake and unlabeled:
    - The fuel drums must be moved to a location at least 100 metres from the OHWM of surrounding watercourses and stored with the bungs placed at the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions
    - The name of the Permittee is to be stenciled on all drums containing fuel in the land use area
9. Photos #11 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Hydrocarbon staining in front of the garage:
    - Hydrocarbon impacted soils in front of the garage are to be properly cleaned up, containerized and staged for offsite disposal at an authorized disposal facility
10. Photos #12 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Inspection Reports
  - Waste in the salvage area east of the airstrip:
    - The Permittee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean at all times. Items that no longer serve a purpose are to be removed from the land use area and disposed of offsite at an authorized disposal facility.

As noted in the Inspection Report of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, you are still required to provide written documentation to Inspectors **no later than 17:00 hrs on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015** detailing **how and when**



each of the above-noted concerns will be or has been rectified. If acceptable documentation is not received by the deadline date, a written notice pursuant to section 86(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* may be issued to the Permittee.

As noted in your letter of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, you were present in the land use area the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and were in contravention of Conditions #3 & #4 of the Land Use Permit. In the future, to remain compliant with Conditions of the Permit, the Permittee must contact Inspectors at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of any activities in the land use area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Clint Ambrose at (867) 765-6648 or the undersigned at (867) 765-6684.

Sincerely,



Joseph Heron  
Resource Management Officer II (Inspector)  
North Slave Regional Office  
GNWT – Department of Lands

cc: MVLWB  
Land Administration  
Gary Jaeb – via email

