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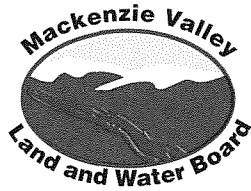
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Dear Mr. Jaeb:

**MV2013J0006 – True North Safaris Ltd. – Type A Land Use Permit**

Your email dated October 15, 2013 was brought to my attention and I would like to respond to the concerns you have raised.

The members of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) carefully reviewed all the correspondence submitted by True North Safaris Ltd. (TNS) during the permitting process. The Board considered these submissions, as well as the staff report, when making our decision on the terms and conditions for the land use permit issued to TNS.

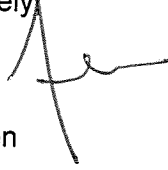
The Board became involved in this file earlier this summer when we directed Board staff to organize a meeting to discuss issues that had come forward in the review of the Land Use Permit (LUP) application. The Board's intention was that the meeting provide an opportunity for TNS to work with reviewers to better understand regulatory requirements and find the simplest ways to ensure TNS would be able to meet these requirements.

In response to your question regarding licenced facilities, a licenced facility is one which has been issued a Water Licence under the authority of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. A Water Licence authorizes the use of waters and/or disposal of waste, as per the terms and conditions attached to the authorization. Examples of licenced facilities include landfills operated by the City of Yellowknife and the community of Dettah.

The Waste Management Plan that was submitted with the application included practices that are not acceptable to the Board. Rather than require TNS to submit a revised Waste Management Plan, the Board chose terms and conditions for the LUP that clearly define acceptable waste management practices. A revised Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) is required to address the site-specific spill contingency needs and practices at Mackay Lake Lodge. Details on the updates required for the SCP were included in the issuance letter dated September 24, 2013.

You are encouraged to contact Board staff to discuss LUP requirements in further detail. Please contact Miki Ehrlich at (867) 766-7469 or email [mehrich@mvlwb.com](mailto:mehrich@mvlwb.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Willard Hagen', written over the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Willard Hagen  
Chair

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