

NORTH SLAVE MÉTIS ALLIANCE

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Ms Mavis Cli-Michaud
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Dear Chairperson Cli-Michaud:

RE: Extension or Renewal for Nechalacho Rare Earth Demonstration Project Land Use Permit – MV2014D0001 and Water Licence – MV2014L2-0001

We write respecting the Northwest Territories Rare Earths' Ltd.'s ("Developer") application for an extension or renewal of the Nechalacho Rare Earth Project's Land Use Permit – MV2014D-0001 and Water Licence – MV2014L2-0001 ("The Authorizations").

The North Slave Metis Alliance ("NSMA") is the only Indigenous group in the Northwest Territories ("NWT") that has received *judicial recognition* of its members common law section 35 Aboriginal rights as Metis. NSMA's very *raison d'être* is to advocate for the rights of the Metis of the Great Slave Lake area. With that in mind, the historical record is clear that the community of Metis of the Great Slave Lake area hunted and trapped over a wide-ranging area in the NWT – including the area where the Nechalacho Rare Earth Project is located.

We understand that, due to COVID-19 issues, the Developer's development program is behind schedule. The project Developer is now requesting an extension or renewal of the above-noted Authorizations.

Please accept this letter as NSMA's support for the Developer's request for an extension or renewal of the Authorizations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Enge". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William (Bill) A. Enge
President

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