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Dear Ms. Chouinard:

I am responding to your November 4th 2016 e-mail regarding efforts to meet with the North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) President, Mr. Bill Enge. I want to confirm the Contaminants and Remediation Division's (CARD) willingness to meet and discuss potential adverse impacts on the NSMA's asserted Section 35 rights that may be caused by the Bullmoose-Ruth (BMR) and Gordon Lakes Group Remediation Projects. CARD agreed to face-to-face meetings with the NSMA on October 28th and subsequently November 4th, however both were cancelled at the request of the NSMA and a meeting needs to be re-scheduled.

I believe it is also important for the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board to be aware that, at the request of the NSMA, CARD arranged for a site visit of the BMR Project that included the NSMA Regulatory Analyst, three elders and a NSMA youth on September 29th 2016. No substantive concerns were identified by the NSMA members as a result of the site visit, nor did the NSMA members identify any potential adverse impacts to their asserted Section 35 rights, including potential impacts to NSMA heritage resources and caribou harvesting in the project area.

CARD has carefully considered all comments submitted to the Board through its licensing process, including those of the NSMA, and recognizes the Board's process as a fundamental means for the Crown to consult on potential impacts of these remediation projects with regards to established and asserted Section 35 rights.

CARD remains open to meeting with all parties, including the NSMA, in order to ensure the remediation projects are conducted in a manner that can best meet the interests of all potentially affected, and mitigate any potential unwanted impacts associated with project activities.

Sincerely,

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