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Dear Mr. Ogilvie:

**Re: Gordon Lake Remediation Project (the GL Project) – September 19, 2016  
Letter from North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) on Consultation**

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB or the Board) staff received correspondence from the NSMA on September 19, 2016 and via the Online Review System on September 21, 2016 outlining concerns about engagement and consultation done to date by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) – Contaminants and Remediation Directorate (CARD) in relation to the GL Project.

The Board's Engagement and Consultation Policy is intended to ensure the involvement of potentially affected parties in the planning of projects that will be subject to regulatory decision-making by the Board. In addition, the regulatory proceedings contribute to the process of Crown consultation which may be required when government actions could infringe on s. 35 Aboriginal rights.

At this stage in the regulatory review process for the GL Project, Board staff are requesting that INAC-CARD describe how they are planning to respond to the concerns raised by NSMA, and if they are willing to meet with NSMA to discuss these concerns further prior to continuing with the review process. Please respond to Board staff by **September 28, 2016** outlining INAC-CARD's proposed steps forward. If you intend to meet with NSMA, please outline a timeline for the proposed meeting(s).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact Kierney Leach at (867) 766-7470 or via email at kleach@mvlwb.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Chouinard', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Chouinard  
A/Executive Director  
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