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Re: MV2018C0005, MV2018L2-0003

Dear Ms. Ho,

As we have stated before, Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN) supports PPML's application for this Confirmation Drilling program. Given that this activity is within DKFN traditional territory, and that we have provided written support previously, we are confused about MBLWB issuing a second call for comments. It is a simple, straight forward application, but MVLWB seems to be making the permitting process too complicated. That is bad for DKFN because we are missing out on the economic activity we depend on to benefit the community of Fort Resolution. Also, it is bad for the NWT because these unnecessary delays make it appear as the NWT will not support companies that want to do development or even conduct a simple drilling program (as is the case with PPML).

DKFN has looked forward to the time when Pine Point activity would bring jobs and economic benefits to Fort Resolution. These delays are causing us to lose the opportunity to benefit from the work that would be on-going.

DKFN requests that the Board move quickly to issue this Land Use Permit and Type B Water License so that we can get to work and obtain the benefits that the drill program has provided and will provide in the future.

Sincerely,


Chief Louis Balsillie

cc. Mr. Tom Beaulieu, MLA Tu.Nedhé-Wiilideh