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Reason for Decision

Issued pursuant to paragraph 40(2)(c) of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations* (MVLUR)

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| File Number: | G16X006 | Type: | "A" Land Use Permit |
| Applicant: | GNWT - ITI | | |
| Activity: | Quarrying at km 230 and 235, Dempster Hwy #8 , and campsite construction at Gwich'in Territorial Park | | |
| Board Meeting: | September 22, 2016 | | |

With respect to this application, notice was given in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*. There was no public hearing held in association with this application.

BACKGROUND

On August 16 2016, GNWT- ITI submitted an application for a Type "A" Land Use Permit for the purpose of excavating, removing, and hauling granular material from the quarries at km 230 and 235 Dempster Highway #8, and the subsequent construction of 8 new campsites at Gwich'in Territorial Park. Board staff performed a completeness check of the documents submitted with the application, and deemed it complete on August 19, 2016. The application was distributed for comment and review on August 19, with reviewer comments due September 9, and proponent responses due on September 16. Submissions were received from Environment Canada, GNWT Environment and Natural Resources, The GNWT Department of Lands, and GTC Lands and Resources. The Board met on September 22, 2016 to decide on the application.

DECISION

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and the written comments and submissions received by the Board, and having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made

to it, and to the purpose, scope, and intent of the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder, the Board has determined that:

Land Use Permit G16X006 be issued, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

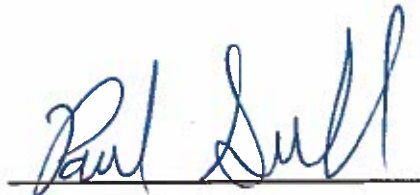
The Board's reasons for this decision are set out below:

- The Board is satisfied that adequate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board.
- The use of land proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.
- Any potential adverse environmental effects are insignificant or mitigable with known technology.
- The operation will likely contribute to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region.
- The Board has reviewed the information contained in the Staff Report dated May 20, 2016 regarding environmental impacts and/or public concerns.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to G16X006 pursuant to the MVRMA, will significantly reduce the potential environmental impacts resulting from the project.
- The Board has notified the Applicant, through a statement included in the scope of this Permit, that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not absolve the Permittee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.

CONCLUSION

Land Use Permit G16X006 contains provisions that the Board feels necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder and to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the Applicant's use of the land affected by the Permit. The Board will provide additional referenced material or documents if requested in writing to do so.

SIGNATURE



Paul Sullivan
Chair, Gwich'in Land and Water Board

September 22, 2016

Date