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File: **G21S003**

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Dear Melanie and Dan,

**RE: Information Request – MVLUR Section 18 Eligibility for Proposed Geotechnical Program on Commissioners Lands in Inuvik**

In accordance with Rule 61 of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Boards' Rules of Procedure<sup>1</sup>, the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) is issuing an Information Request to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Lands with respect to Application G21S003, made by EGT Northwind for a Type A Land Use Permit for the purposes of geophysical drilling on Commissioner's Land, located within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Inuvik.

The Application materials were distributed for public review on December 14, 2022. Comments and recommendations for the Application were due January 10, 2021; by this deadline GNWT Department of Lands - Territorial Land Administration, commented that "Under section 18 of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*, the applicant requires the right to occupy for this project (18b)." and that "EGT Northwind has not acquired the right to occupy this parcel of land from the Department of Lands. The parcel is currently untenured." GNWT Department of Lands - Beaufort Delta Regional Office also submitted comments to the Board, indicating the department "does not have any concerns with the application." EGT Northwind responded that "It is our understanding that there is no land tenure required for a geotechnical program (personal communication Donald Arey - GNWT Lands - Inuvik). The town of Inuvik has applied for tenure of these lands and is expecting it shortly."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See [glwb.com](http://glwb.com) for [MVLWB Rules of Procedure](#)

<sup>2</sup> See: [new.onlinereviewssystem.ca](http://new.onlinereviewssystem.ca) for [Reviewer Comments for G21S003](#)

As per Section 18 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR), applicants must satisfy the right to occupy the lands proposed for use before they can be granted a land use permit. The Board requires additional information before it can proceed with this determination.

**The GLWB is requesting that GNWT Department of Lands provide the following information:**

1. Please identify which land tenure instrument (or other documentation) the Applicant can obtain from the GNWT Department of Lands in order to satisfy its Section 18 eligibility requirements for this geophysical drilling program that is proposed to take place on Commissioner's Land.

**Please submit this information for the Board's consideration by 5:00 pm MST on Tuesday January 25, 2022.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Information Request, please do not hesitate to contact AlecSandra Macdonald by phone or email.

Sincerely,



AlecSandra Macdonald  
Regulatory Specialist