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Via Email

Dear Ms. Chouinard and Mr. Ogilvie:

Re: MV2016X0013/MV2016L8-0004 Updated Engagement Plan

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Contaminants and Remediation Division (DIAND-CARD) submitted an updated Engagement Plan on December 20, 2016. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board or MVLWB) posted the document for public review until January 13, 2017.

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) reviewed the updated Engagement Plan and provides the following comments for the DIAND-CARD and MVLWB's considerations. NSMA was unable to submit the review comments in time for the MVLWB review deadline due to staff holiday schedule.

Comments:

1. Page 4, "1.0 Overview", second paragraph – Canada has no proof that the Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN) represents the Métis of the Great

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Salve Lake area. That issue is currently before the courts, and it would be inaccurate and irresponsible for the Engagement Plan to misrepresent this issue.

Recommendation:

NSMA recommends one of the two following changes should be made to the Engagement Plan:

- (a) The second sentence of that paragraph should read instead: "The area is asserted as a traditional use area for Métis of the Great Slave Lake area."
OR
- (b) "The area is asserted as a traditional use area for Métis of the Great Slave Lake area, who are represented by the Northwest Territories Métis Nation and the North Slave Métis Alliance."

2. Engagement Log – December 13, 2016, DIAND-CARD records that "NSMA did not attend" a meeting.

Recommendation:

In NSMA's record, the meeting was never agreed to. It should read "Response not received". For the record, NSMA *did* respond on December 21, 2016 to arrange a meeting after January 14, 2017, after the staff returned from holiday.

NSMA regrets that this comments were not received by the Board in time for their deliberation. Due to the staff holiday schedule and shortage of capacity in general, NSMA is respectfully submitting this letter at this time.

Respectfully,



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