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Mr. Cliffe-Phillips

**Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination  
Application for Land Use Permit and Water Licence – Dempster Fibre Project**

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on August 20, 2020 and considered the Applications from the Government of Yukon, Department of Highways and Public Works for a Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019X0027 and Type B Water Licence MV2019L8-013, for the Dempster Fibre Project in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the Applications and public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed in accordance with section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided not to refer the project to environmental assessment. The Preliminary Screening Report includes the Board's Reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA (attached).

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit MV2019X0027 and Licence MV2019L8-0013 on August 31, 2020.

Our Board and staff look forward to communications through the pause period. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Shelagh Montgomery at 867-766-7457 or email [smontgomery@mvlwb.com](mailto:smontgomery@mvlwb.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mavis Cli-Michaud".

Mavis Cli-Michaud  
MVLWB, Chair

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report