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Sent by email

Dear Lee Ann Malley, Danielle Rogers, and Jaida Ohokannoak:

Re: Jean Marie River First Nation – Amendment Request – Land Use Permit MV2020W0002 – Information Request

Rule 61 of the *Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Boards' Rules of Procedure*¹ states that the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB, or Board) may issue an Information Request (IR) to any Party at any stage of any Proceeding. Jean Marie River First Nation (JMRFN) has submitted an Amendment Request for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2020W0002.² Comments and recommendations from Parties and the Permittee's responses are available on the Board's Online Review System.³

¹ [MVLWB Rules of Procedure Including Public Hearings \(December 2018\), Pg. 8.](#)

² [MV2020W0002 – JMRFN – Amendment Request.](#)

³ www.onlinereviewsystem.ca

During its review of the file, the Board noted conflicting evidence was submitted by different departments of the Government of the Northwest Territories (that is, GNWT-ENR (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and GNWT-Lands (Dehcho Region)). As such, the Board directed staff to seek clarity on comments and recommendations received on some of the Permit conditions. In addition, the Board is seeking clarity on the comment from GNWT-Lands in its letter of October 22, 2020 (GNWT - Lands: Jaida Ohokannoak, Comment ID 1) which states:

“The Board may also wish to consider the reforestation levy that ENR charges under the Timber Cutting Licence (TCL), which is intended to ensure that the area is reforested. By accepting the reforestation levy, GNWT ENR assumes liability for the reforestation of the site.”

To clarify the above, please provide the following information:

- Rationale explaining why evidence submitted by GNWT Lands and ENR conflicts, specifically, as relates to existing Permit Conditions #4, 6, 7, 34, 65, and 67 – 71; and
- A security estimate that shows how security calculations could be adjusted to accommodate the reforestation levy. Please also confirm whether this reforestation levy would cover all liabilities associated with the harvest block areas.

Please submit on or before 5:00 p.m. MST on Wednesday, December 10, 2020. Once received, the Board will provide an opportunity for Parties and the public to comment on GNWT’s response.

Please contact me at (867) 766-7457 with any questions about this Information Request.

Yours sincerely,



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