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File : S20S-002

Mr. Joe Acorn
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Sent by email

Dear Mr. Acorn,

Re: Issuance of Type A Land Use Permit –Geotechnical Investigation at 12 Mile Creek, Sahtu Region, NT

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB or Board) met on February 14, 2019 to consider the request for a new Land Use Permit S20S-002 for a Geotechnical Assessment for the proposed 12 Mile Creek Bridge replacement Project east of Tulita, NWT. The Board approved the Preliminary Screening Report and sent the notification for Preliminary Screening Determination to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for the 10-day pause period. No referral to Environmental Assessment was made by the end of this 10-day pause period. Therefore, please find attached the Type A Land Use Permit S20S-002 granted by the SLWB in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*.

The Board directs GNWT-INF, that during community consultations for this and other MVH and MVWR Projects, they assure the communities that Traditional Knowledge Studies will be completed prior to submission of any applications for the construction phase of these Projects.

The Board conditionally approved the **Waste Management Plan** and the **Spill Contingency Plan** received with the application. However, the Board noted some minor clarifications and updates were requested during the public review period. The Board directs GNWT-INF to complete the following changes to relevant documents and resubmit to the Board prior to commencement of the Project:

- 1) Submit an updated equipment list;
- 2) Submit an updated list of fuels, tanks, and storage volumes;
- 3) Submit final protocols for methods of fuel transfer;
- 4) Update the SCP, including adding the Department of Lands – Sahtu Region to the Distribution List (section 3.1) and adding the two Sahtu Region Land Use Inspectors telephone and email contact information to Table 3-3;
- 5) Update the WMP including adding the Department of Lands – Sahtu Region to the Distribution List (section 3.1);

Upon receipt of these revised documents, Board staff will confirm the changes requested and post the updated documents to the registry.

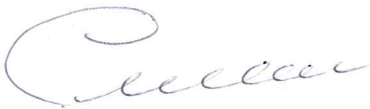
The Board, in considering the recommendation of the GNWT Department of Lands, Sahtu Region, has added two new conditions to the permit for submission of brief (1-3 page) site specific contingency plans that outline solutions in the event that permafrost is encountered (condition 10) or in the event that erosion or slumping issues (condition 12) occur as a result of the Project activity. These plans are to be prepared and submitted to the Board and the Inspector in advance of work.

The Board also recommends that the GNWT-INF hire local Wildlife Monitors for the duration of the Project to ensure any bear dens, beaver lodges and raptor nests in the vicinity of the Project activities will be protected from disturbance.

A copy of this Permit has been filed on the Public Registry at the SLWB office. Please be advised that this letter, with its attached procedures, inspection reports, and related correspondence is part of the Public Registry and is intended to keep all interested parties informed of the manner in which the Permit requirements are being met.

The full cooperation of GNWT – Department of Infrastructure is anticipated and appreciated for this Permit S20S-002. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 or email bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com.

Yours Sincerely,



Larry Wallace, Chair

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Attachments: Land Use Permit S20S-002