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Sent by email

Dear Patricia Coyne,

Re: Government of Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure – Extension Issuance Package – Land Use Permit S20S-002 – Sahtu Region, NT

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on July 5, 2022 and considered GNWT-INF request to extend Land Use Permit (Permit) S20S-002 for the Geotechnical Investigation Project, for a period of two years, in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations subsection 26(6).

The Board reviewed all evidence for this regulatory proceeding and are of the opinion that the Project scope has not changed from the original issuance and therefore the Board has approved the extension to provide the Permittee with additional time to complete the Project as originally permitted for the following reasons:

- meets the requirements of the Exemption List Regulations to be considered exempt from preliminary screening under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*,
- continues to meet the conformity requirements of the Sahtu Land Use Plan,
- has met basic requirements for engagement about this request, and
- the completion of the Project will provide benefits and ongoing safety for local communities and residents of the Mackenzie Valley who use the winter road.

The Permit (attached) now expires on March 31, 2024. These documents are posted on the Board's Public Registry.¹

Inspectors:

The Inspectors referred to in the Permit can be contacted at the regional GNWT-Lands offices²

Permit Processes and Additional Information

Sections 5 and 6 of the Board's *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*³ (Guide) contain detailed information on permit enforcement and potential post-issuance processes, such as amendments to conditions, and assignment to another company. Please be familiar with these sections of the Guide and reach out to Board staff with any questions about Board processes related to the Permit.

Full cooperation of GNWT-INF is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Benjamin Roy at broy@slwb.com or Bonnie Bergsma at bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Tanya MacIntosh
Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

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¹ See SLWB Online Registry www.slwb.com for [S20S-002](#)

² See GNWT-Lands Inspection and Enforcement webpage (<https://www.lands.gov.nt.ca/en/services/inspections-and-enforcement>) for regional contact information

³ See SLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).