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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: GNWT-Infrastructure Dhu-1 Quarry Project – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit – Quarrying and new winter Access – four km northeast of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road at km 966.6 and 16 km northwest of Tulit’a, NT**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on November 10, 2021 and considered the Application from Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) for Land Use Permit (Permit) S21Q-004 for the Dhu-1 Quarry Project, 16 km northwest of Tulit’a, in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*.

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the Project to environmental assessment. The Board’s Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Permit S21Q-004 on **Monday, November 22, 2021**.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Paul Dixon at (867) 598-2413 ext. 5, with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya MacIntosh', with a horizontal line drawn above the letters.

Tanya MacIntosh

Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Tulit'a District Distribution List  
Terry Brookes, Project Manager, GNWT-INF Design and Technical Services  
Joyce Gourlay, Environmental Analyst, GNWT-INF

Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision