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Via Email

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips and Mr. Fequet:

**Re: EA 1617-01 and W2016E0004 -- Proposed Tlicho All-season Road
Report of the Minister's Special Representative, Mr. Thomas Isaac**

We write to bring to your attention a new report by the special representative appointed by the the Government of Canada (Canada) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). This report, commissioned by and for both levels of government, is further confirmation that North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) members have Aboriginal rights as Métis in the area affected by the proposed Tlicho All Season Road.

Mr. Thomas Isaac submitted his Minister's Special Representative Report - "A Path to Reconciliation: Report of the Minister's Special Representative regarding Aboriginal Claims and Negotiations in the Southeast Northwest Territories" - to Canada and the GNWT on March 3, 2017. A copy of his report is attached for your reference.

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Mr. Isaac devotes a chapter to NSMA. He confirms that NSMA members have legitimate concerns regarding their Aboriginal rights, and impacts on those rights that are independent of those asserted by the Northwest Territories Metis Nation. We hope Mr. Isaac's report assists both the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and the Wek'éezhii Land and Water Board in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities.

Yours truly,



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Encl: Report of Thomas Isaac, Minister's Special Representative, "A Path to Reconciliation: Report of the Minister's Special Representative regarding Aboriginal Claims and Negotiations in the Southeast Northwest Territories" dated March 3, 2017

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