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Sent via email

Dear Ziaur Rahman,

**Re: TASR Quarry Operations Plan Version 4.0**

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB or the Board) met on June 4, 2020 and considered Version 4.0 of the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Infrastructure's (GNWT-INF) Quarry Operations Plan (QOP) for the Tlicho All-Season Road (TASR) Project.<sup>1</sup>

Version 4.0 of the QOP was submitted in response to the Board's May 30 and July 16, 2019 Board Direction.<sup>2,3</sup> Version 4.0 of the QOP included supporting geochemical information the use of materials at Pit 68A and was not distributed for public review because the only new information and changes to the plans was the provision of the geochemical data to demonstrate the suitability of the borrow source material. Based on the information provided, the Board believes the QOP satisfies the Board's direction from 2019 and has approved Version 4.0 of the QOP for the use of **surficial materials at Pit 68A**. The Board notes that Archaeological site KfPo-1 is located within the prospect boundary of Pit 68A and expects that the site will be avoided (see page 66 of Version 4.0 of the QOP).

The Board would also like to remind GNWT-INF that for future QOP submissions, Appendix B (Quarry Summary Table) must reflect Board decisions and the geochemical/archaeological information provided, and that the proposed revisions to the QOP are communicated in the cover letter and the revision history table (i.e., if GNWT-INF wishes to use bedrock material for Pit 48 or Pit 68A in the future or any material used at other sources not yet considered by the Board). The Board appreciates that this was done for Version 4.0. To assist with the interpretation of results in future versions of the QOP, the Board requires GNWT-INF to include details of how representative samples are generated and to provide a map of locations where testing occurs.

<sup>1</sup> See WLWB ([www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca)) Online Registry for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Quarry Operations Plan – Version 4.0 – May 14 20](#)

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Land Use Permit and Water Licence Applications – Reasons for Decision – May 30 19](#)

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [W2016L8-0001 – TASR – Management Plans – Decision Letter – Jul 16 19](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark above the final letter.

Joe Mackenzie  
Chair, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

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