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Sahtu Land Use Planning Board  
Scott Paszkiewicz, Executive Director  
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### **Re: Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link Project Conformity Determination with the Sahtu Land Use Plan**

This letter is in response to the March 26, 2014 Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referral of the Government of the Northwest Territories application for a land use permit and a water licence regarding the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link Project Conformity Determination with the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP).

The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated ("SSI") held a Special Board Meeting in Norman Wells on April 8, 2014, and the SSI Board of Directors discussed this matter. The SSI Board of Directors draw your attention the following concerns.

1. There has been inadequate consultation (CR 2) with the communities with respect to this matter.
2. No benefit agreements (CR 3) have been negotiated with the affected communities.

The SSI requests that you ensure that the activities and initiatives of the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board remain consistent with its role and responsibilities established by the Land Claim Agreement, including the promotion of conformity with the SLUP.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ethel Blondin-Andrew  
Chairperson