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File: MV2023X0024

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Sent by e-mail

Dear Matt Irvine,

**Re: Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) – Confirmation Soil Sampling and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment – Land Use Permit – New Application – Incomplete – Fort Simpson, NT**

On March 20, 2024, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water (Board) staff received the Application Package (Application) for a new Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2023X0024<sup>1</sup> for the Confirmation Soil Sampling and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, Two PSPC Residential Properties 9818 101st Street and 9606 102nd Street, Fort Simpson, NT (Project) from Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC).

Board staff have reviewed the Application and identified missing information required for the Board to process the Application. For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the Application Form<sup>2</sup> and the Land and Water Board (LWB) *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process* (Guide)<sup>3</sup> and submit the following information to the Board's office:

Engagement Record: The Engagement Record submitted with the Application indicates the affected parties were sent an engagement letter describing the project. However, follow-up with these parties is not described. Review the LWB Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and

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<sup>1</sup> See the MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2023X0024](#).

<sup>2</sup> See the MVLWB Apply for Permit/Licence webpage for the Land Use Permit [Application Form](#).

<sup>3</sup> See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits,<sup>4</sup> follow-up with these parties and revise the Engagement Record in the Application accordingly.

Management Plans: Following the LWB *Document Submission Standards*<sup>5</sup>, the Management Plans should be submitted as separate documents from the Application for public review, with individual cover letters for each of the management plans:

- Waste Management Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Engagement Plan

Board staff also identified additional inconsistencies throughout the Application, that should be addressed for clarity before distributed for public review. The following inconsistencies are as follows:

Proposed Project Schedule: As described in section 3.2 of the Permit Guide, indicate the time of year the project activities will occur (i.e. which months of the year). Inconsistencies are found between the dates of drilling in the Scope of Work (May) and the Engagement plan (June/July). Review and revise the Application to address these inconsistencies.

Preliminary Screening: See section 124(1) of the [Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act](#) (MVRMA)<sup>6</sup> for further information on Preliminary Screenings. As described in Section 4.2 of the Permit Guide, *a project, or specific project activities, may be exempt from screening under the [Exemption List Regulations](#)<sup>7</sup>; under section 157.1 of the MVRMA; or for national security or emergency purposes.*

Closure and Reclamation – Closure Cost Estimate: As described in section 3.2 of the Permit Guide, the GNWT, federal, and community governments, and Indigenous Governments for permits on their own lands, are not required to post security. The Closure Cost Estimate submitted is not required as the federal government is exempt from posting security.

Upon receipt of this information, the Board will review the Application in accordance with the [Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations](#) (MVLUR). Unless PSPC requests additional time, if this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, the Board will consider the Application withdrawn.

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<sup>4</sup> See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#).

<sup>5</sup> See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Document Submission Standards](#).

<sup>6</sup> See the MVLWB Acts and Regulations webpage for the [Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act](#).

<sup>7</sup> See the MVLWB Acts and Regulations webpage for the [Exemption List Regulations](#).

Please contact Fatima Youssef via [e-mail](#) or at (867) 322-6819 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fatima Youssef', written in a cursive style.

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