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Re: GNWT IR Response

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To: Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of the GNWT's Information Request Response.

If the MVLWB is directing us to apply for a non-exclusive occupation permit as a prerequisite to obtaining our land use permit, we are prepared to move forward with that application.

In addition, as recommended by MVLWB we have re-engaged with the Department of Infrastructure to assess whether the proposed driveway location is feasible and safe for use. They have advised that in order to assess the site, we will need to complete a full driveway permit application. We have already initiated this process.

That said, Dene and I would like to formally express our concern. While we are prepared to continue participating in this process, Dene feels strongly that this requirement infringes upon his rights as a Treaty 8 Indigenous person. He maintains that he holds the inherent right to access his home and land — to practice his culture, provide for his family, and live according to Dene values.

The continued imposition of bureaucratic barriers that prevent him from accessing his own home, on his own traditional territory, reflects a pattern of government processes being used to delay, control, or limit Indigenous land use. These processes — while administrative in appearance — have real and harmful impacts when they knowingly obstruct an Indigenous person from living on and accessing their own land.

I have been advised by the MVLWB that, for administrative purposes, permit applications are filed under a single name. As a result, my name remains on the land use permit application and is being used in official communications. However, I want to be very clear that this application is being submitted by both Dene and myself — not by a mining

company or aggregate organization. This is a personal application for access to our home on Dene's traditional territory. The statements in this letter reflect Dene's views and are shared with his full knowledge and intention. It is important to both of us that his voice and perspective are recognized and considered as part of this process.

Thank you/Marsi Cho,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Becky Broderick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Becky" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Broderick".

Becky Broderick