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File: N7-1-1835

July 30, 2013

Ron Wallace  
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

**Re: NWTWB Application N7-1-1835 – Type “A” Water Licence Application  
GNWT-DOT: Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway (ITH)**

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has received both the application package submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Transportation (GNWT-DOT) for the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway and the Information Requests prepared by the Northwest Territories Water Board (NWTWB) on July 15, 2013.

AANDC notes that at this time we do not wish to register as an intervener as it would be premature given that additional information is to be provided by the GNWT-DOT on August 12, 2013. The Department is of the position that project impacts can potentially be mitigated if adequate project management plans, stream crossing designs and management response actions are developed prior to the project commencing.

Please note that AANDC supports all Information Requests (IRs) that were submitted by the NWTWB and would request to reserve its decision regarding registering as an intervener until responses to the IRs have been received and all necessary information to support the water licence application has been reviewed by Departmental staff.

AANDC has echoed a few key information requests submitted to the GNWT-DOT by the NWTWB as part of the Department's initial comments on the water licence application. AANDC understands these will be forwarded to the NWTWB by the North Projects Management Office (NPMO).

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AANDC appreciates the opportunity to provide our input on the above noted water licence application and looks forward to participate in the review process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Conrad Baetz at (867) 777-8901, or [Conrad.Baetz@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Conrad.Baetz@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca), or the undersigned at 669-2657, or [Nathen.Richea@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Nathen.Richea@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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