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Chairperson Heather Bourassa
by EMAIL
Sahtú Land Use Planning Board
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**Adoption of the
Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment of the Sahtú Land Use Plan and Submission for Approval**

I am writing in response to the letter I received from the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board (the Board) on July 28, 2021 notifying of the Board's adoption of the Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment Application, and its submission to the approving parties (the Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), and the Government of Canada) for approval.

In accordance with the sequential approval process outlined in section 43 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the GNWT will initiate its approval process for the Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment Application, including section 35 Consultation, once the Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated has provided notification of its approval.

As the Board has noted in its July 28, 2021 letter, the Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment Application is drafted based on the 5-Year Review Amendment Application, which has also been submitted to the approving parties for approval. The GNWT intends to complete its approval process for the 5-Year Review Amendment Application prior to completing its approval process for the Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment Application.

I thank the Board for their collaborative efforts in leading the Ts'udé Nǫ́lǫ́né Tuyeta Amendment Application. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Ridgely, Director, Land Use and Sustainability at Gina.Ridgely@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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