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Ms. Heather Bourassa
Chairperson
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

I am pleased to inform you of my approval of the Sahtu Land Use Plan, effective on this date as per subsection 43(4) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

I wish to offer my congratulations to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board for their hard work and dedication in developing this regional land use plan. As a key element of the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, this Plan will serve to enhance land and water management in the Sahtu Settlement Area for years to come.

I look forward to working in partnership with the Board, the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, the Government of the Northwest Territories and other government departments throughout the implementation of the Plan. As a first step, departmental officials will be in touch with you shortly to discuss opportunities to mark and celebrate this important achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Valcourt".

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: Ms. Ethel Blondin-Andrew
The Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger

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