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Ms. Heather Bourassa, Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

Scheduling of the Tripartite Meeting on Draft Sahtu Land Use Plan

Thank you for sharing the Discussion Document outlining the proposed revisions for a final draft Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP). The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) remains committed and supportive to the land use planning efforts the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (the Board) is undertaking.

We believe that this tripartite meeting is a critical step prior to the Board submitting its final draft land use plan for approval. To ensure that we fully represent the many interests of the departments and the public we represent, we will require additional time to prepare ourselves for a meaningful discussion with the other signatories.

We will submit the GNWT substantive comments on key approval issues in late July and suggest that a subsequent tripartite meeting be scheduled for late August or early September, 2012. This proposed schedule will allow sufficient time for the intergovernmental review and preparation process.

Thank you for your hard work and efforts to bring this document to this stage and we look forward to working with you to finalize the draft of the SLUP that would be submitted for approval and implementation as envisioned under the Sahtu Dene Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

Sincerely,

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