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**RE: Meliadine Extension Project Proposal assessment process (NIRB File No. 11MN034)**

Dear members of the board,

The Athabasca Denesuline Né Né Land Corporation (ADNLC) is writing to formally request intervenor status in the Meliadine Mine Extension Assessment process. This letter comes as follow up to conversations we have had with both NIRB and NMPO over the last month. We request full participation in all future public reviews, information sessions, and hearings.

The ADNLC represents three Denesuline First Nations located in Northern Saskatchewan including Hatchet Lake, Black Lake, and Fond-du-Lac. While our present-day communities are located in Northern Saskatchewan, the lands on which we hunt, trap, fish, harvest, and engage in cultural activities, now and for thousands of years, called Nuhenéné in our Denesuline language, extend into present day Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Barren-ground caribou are the cornerstone of our culture and way of life. Our communities rely greatly on the Qamanirjuaq herd and any disturbance or potential impact to this herd will have an impact on our rights, interests, culture, and livelihood now and for future generations. We have serious concerns about how the proposed project extensions may have an impact on the caribou, both from the individual project scale and a cumulative impacts context.

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The Athabasca Denesų́liné Né Né Land Corporation must be included in any assessment process for any project that may have an impact on the Qamanirjuaq herd throughout its entire range.

In order for our communities to most fully participate, hosting community meetings in our communities is our preference. If travel is required to attend sessions in other communities, we will require resources for travel for members from each of our three communities as well as technical advisors from the ADNLC office.

Sincerely,



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