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Dear Colleagues:

Subject: Request for Comments on the Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the Draft Cooperation Plan for the Northern Road Link Project by July 21, 2023

On May 23, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) announced that an impact assessment is required for the Northern Road Link Project (the Project) proposed by Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation (the Proponent). The Agency has developed the following draft documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines)
- Cooperation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Public Participation Plan
- Permitting Plan

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The draft Guidelines and draft plans are available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page¹ (Reference #84331). The Agency has commenced a 30-day comment period, inviting the public, Indigenous communities, federal authorities and other jurisdictions to provide feedback on the above draft documents by July 21, 2023.

Your ministry is invited to comment on the draft Guidelines and draft Cooperation Plan, using the enclosed comment form.

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website² (Reference #84331). Documents can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency at *NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca*. We encourage you to use the enclosed comment form.

Next steps

The Agency will issue the finalized Guidelines and plans, along with the Notice of Commencement for the impact assessment, no later than day 180 of the planning phase (August 20, 2023).

Important note: Please note that any information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment will be made publicly available as part of the project file and may be posted online via the Canadian Impact Assessment

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¹ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331>

² <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331>

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For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice⁴. If you do not want your comment posted on the Registry website, please contact the Agency at NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at 416-669-2775 or NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: 1) Comment Form – Draft Tailored Impact Statement
2) Guidelines and Draft Cooperation Plan – Provincial Review Team

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³ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

⁴ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection>