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Attention: Mr. Amar Chadha, P. Eng.

Director of Transportation Systems Planning and Development

Summary Report for the Community of Thicket Portage Public Consultation

Dear Mr. Chadha:

Attached find the summary report for the Public Consultation and associated technical work that has been carried out relative to community access for Thicket Portage.

During the Public Consultation in Thicket Portage, the existing rail, air, winter road, forestry road, and boat access conditions were reviewed with the community and community leadership. Discussions also centred on the potential alternatives for access improvement and on the potential options for an All-Weather Road access. The visit to the community and discussions with the community leaders and residents provided the study team with a greater appreciation of the specific access issues faced by Thicket Portage residents.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the community leadership, Tolko, and also the direct involvement and technical input of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services.

Yours truly,

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