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Rail Freight Service Review  
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Dear Mr. Paszkowski:

Further to my letter of January 5, 2010 I am writing to update you on recent consultations we conducted in the Northwest Territories (NWT) relative to the Rail Freight Service Review.

In the NWT rail freight service is important part of the supply chain, especially for our non-renewable resource industry which includes 3 operating diamond mines. Rail freight service will also be an integral part of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (Pipeline) logistics plan. While this territory has limited rail accessibility it is of utmost importance to those industries that utilize the service. Your review of rail freight service will hopefully ensure that high service standards are maintained and improved for all users in the NWT.

While no specific comments were received from industry shippers related directly to rail freight service, we did receive responses noting that:

- Rail service is an energy-efficient mode of cargo transportation;
- The efficient use of rail service could positively benefit greenhouse gas emissions;
- CN Rail should be encouraged to continue making capital investments in their line into Hay River;
- And, expansion of rail service in the North could provide additional sustainable economic development activities..

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Rail Freight Service Review.

Sincerely,

Michael McLeod