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Portfolio Mandate Confirmation

I am writing to provide updated mandates for the Industry, Tourism and Investment and Justice portfolios. These mandates may be amended as circumstances require. In addition to the portfolios listed above, you also serve as Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board. The Establishment Policy for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment has been amended to incorporate responsibilities for mineral, petroleum resources and energy sources.

The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment has also been appointed by the Commissioner in Executive Council, the role of Regulator under the Oil and Gas Operations Act.

It is critical that as Cabinet, we continue to carry out the responsibilities that have been entrusted to us in a manner that will bear the closest possible scrutiny. As we make important and sometimes difficult decisions to advance the Goals and Priorities of the 17th Legislative Assembly, Cabinet solidarity remains essential. As a Cabinet Minister you are responsible and accountable for the decisions taken by Cabinet as a whole.

The Government of the Northwest Territories assumed new responsibilities for an already well-developed environmental protection and regulatory system as part of devolution. As a Responsible Minister you will play a key role in carrying out these new responsibilities.

Our government's commitment to accountability and transparency remains and as such I will be publicly releasing all updates to mandates.

I thank you for your leadership and hard work and I look forward to continuing to work with you, our Cabinet colleagues and all members of the Legislative Assembly to do our very best for the people of the Northwest Territories.

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Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment

- Implement an Economic Opportunities Strategy for the Northwest Territories (NWT) that targets all regions and all sectors of the NWT economy.
- Implement a Mineral Development Strategy for the NWT that will increase mineral exploration expenditures to ensure long-term sustainability of the minerals sector, maximize NWT resident employment and business opportunities, ensure achievement of Socio-economic Agreement commitments, and increase NWT value-added opportunities.
- Support the efforts of our government to transition to post-devolution roles, including new decision-making authorities and responsibilities for land, water and resource management.
- Support coordinated and integrated decision-making for devolved responsibilities for the management of lands, resources and rights with respect to water.
- Support the efforts of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental relations to lead the GNWT's participation in the Intergovernmental Council established pursuant to the Devolution Final Agreement.
- Lead in the development and coordination of energy policy and planning for the GNWT, including the implementation of a renewed NWT Energy Plan, considering greater use of local and renewable energy sources in the NWT, and reducing the cost and impact of GNWT energy use on the environment.
- Lead GNWT efforts to promote the development of the Mackenzie Gas Project, and planning and preparation required to ensure NWT benefits are maximized.
- Implement programs and initiatives in support of the NWT traditional and renewable economy, to increase economic benefits and traditional lifestyles for NWT residents, communities and businesses.
- Facilitate diversification of the NWT economy by providing support and programming for activities that add value to NWT products and services, build business capacity, and expand the skills of NWT residents and businesses.
- Develop and implement tourism strategies with partners in the NWT tourism industry that promote the north, develop tourism and parks opportunities and awareness, develop tourism products and facilities, develop Aboriginal tourism and cultural interpretation products, and bring visitors to the NWT.
- In collaboration with the Ministers of Education, Culture and Employment and Human Resources; develop strategies and actions to increase employment opportunities and support arts, culture and heritage programs.

- Support the efforts of our government to advance the federal engagement strategy.
- Lead GNWT efforts to support petroleum resource development initiatives throughout the NWT, in particular, the ongoing exploration in the Sahtu Region and the growing interest in offshore development in the Beaufort Delta.
- Advance the goal of the GNWT's Growth Strategy to increase the NWT population by 2000 people by 2019, particularly through options and strategies for public service recruitment and retention.

Minister of Justice

- Work with communities to implement and monitor the comprehensive territory-wide Community Safety Strategy.
- Work with communities and other Social Envelope Ministers to develop a collaborative approach to preventing and addressing crime.
- Work with the RCMP to implement the new Policing Agreement for 2012-32 and examine alternative public safety and policing models, with a focus on small communities.
- Support the efforts of our government to transition to post-devolution roles, including new decision-making authorities and responsibilities for land, water and resource management.
- Work with other Social Envelope Ministers to develop prevention and early intervention actions and reforms for individuals and families at risk.
- Work with other Social Envelope Ministers to develop and implement alternative programs for individuals with cognitive disabilities and mental health or addictions issues.
- Work with other Social Envelope Ministers to implement and monitor the NWT Anti-Poverty strategy.
- Implement and monitor the ten-year strategic plan for the Department of Justice.
- Enhance integration of programs and services through Integrated Case Management.
- Develop options for increasing individual and community access to the justice system.
- Work to identify and mitigate the impacts of federal funding reductions and proposed changes to federal crime legislation on the GNWT justice system.