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December 16, 2014

Ken Rombough  
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Dear Mr. Rombough,

In a submission dated November 14, 2014, you expressed your concerns regarding the closure of Runway 01/19 at the Whitehorse International Airport, in Whitehorse, YT. Your submission was documented in the Civil Aviation Issues Reporting System (CAIRS) and was assigned file number XU-7421. In response to your submission, Transport Canada conducted a thorough review of the file and, as a result, the Department would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the following information:

Aviation in Canada is regulated by Transport Canada under the authority of the *Aeronautics Act* and the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*, which are available to the public online at <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-96-433/page-1.html#docCont>. Transport Canada promotes the safety of the national air transportation system through its regulatory framework and oversight activities. As a part of those oversight activities, the Department verifies that the aviation industry complies with the regulatory framework through certifications, assessments, validations, inspections and enforcement.

The Whitehorse International Airport is owned and operated by the Yukon Government. As the owner and operator, all decisions with respect to Runway 01/19 rest with the Yukon Government and not with Transport Canada. As a result of its decision to close Runway 01/19, the Yukon Government notified NAV CANADA and requested that a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) be issued. The Yukon Government manages the day to day operations of the Whitehorse International Airport and is responsible for ensuring compliance with all aviation safety regulations and standards. With respect to the Yukon Government's decision to close Runway 01/19, the airport's Safety Management System requires the operator to recognize and address any risks identified within the operations of the airport.

The Yukon Government has advised Transport Canada that it may consider the permanent closure of Runway 01/19 in order to further the development of the airport. Given this, the Department has provided, and will continue to provide, alternatives and advice to the Yukon Government on how to both maintain limited operations on Runway 01/19 and proceed with further developing the airport. However, as stated previously, the final decision with respect to the operational status of Runway 01/19 rests with the Yukon Government and not Transport Canada.

For more information about the closure of Runway 01/19, please contact the Whitehorse International Airport.

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In closing, allow me to assure you that Transport Canada takes the safety of aviation operations very seriously. As such, the Department remains committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation system for all Canadians. I appreciate your taking the time to present your concerns on this matter, as all comments we receive are appreciated.

Should you have any further questions regarding your CAIRS submission, please feel free to contact Jamie Melo at 780-495-2316 or via e-mail at [jamie.melo@tc.gc.ca](mailto:jamie.melo@tc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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