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Dear Mr. Nasogaluak:

The proponents of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and GNWT) want to thank you for forwarding the proposed schedule for the Public Review of this project. We have reviewed the proposed schedule and offer the following comments below on a number of individual tasks which we believe could benefit all parties in the review process ahead.

Task 4.1 Discussions with, and EIS Outline from, the Developer

The proponents in support of this Task have developed a draft Table of Contents (attached) for the EIS. We are prepared to discuss these at the Board's convenience.

Task 4.2

Was this left out on purpose or is this actually Task 4.3?

Task 5.1 All Party ToRs comment period; Community Scoping Sessions

This task is shown as taking 3 weeks. Based on community size and proximity to each other, could the Community Scoping sessions be compressed into 1 week? (We repeat this comment under Task 9.1)

Task 5.3 90 Days for Developer to respond to ToRs with draft EIS

Given our previous effort on the Project Description Report submitted to EISC, we feel this task could be completed by our team within 60 days.

Task 6.3 Developer given 45 days to respond to conformity deficiency letter

We suggest we would be prepared to respond within 30 days.

Task 9.1 Public Hearings Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik

This task is shown as taking 3 weeks. Based on community size and proximity to each other, could this be compressed into 1 week?

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposed Review schedule. We look forward to working with the Board and you to complete a thorough and timely review of this project.

Sincerely,



Jim Stevens
On Behalf of the Proponents

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