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Dear Mr. Nerysoo

Re: Tuktoyaktuk to Inuvik Highway Project

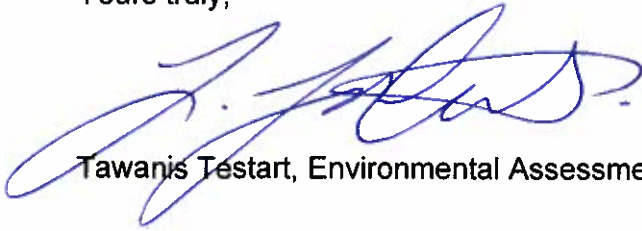
I am writing to advise the Gwich'in Tribal Council that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) has received information on the Tuktoyaktuk to Inuvik Highway Project (the Project) that indicates a federal environmental assessment may be required. The project is a 140 km all-weather, unpaved two-lane highway that will connect the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk with the Town of Inuvik. It has been proposed as a joint venture between the Government of the NWT, the Town of Inuvik and the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk. For additional information or to discuss the Project, please contact Jim Stevenson at the Department of Transportation – Government of the Northwest Territories. The Environmental Impact Review Board under the Joint Secretariat of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region will also be conducting an Environmental Impact Review of the Project. Project details can found at the EIRB web site at www.eirb.ca.

If federal EA is required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act), further information will be mailed to you that will include appropriate contacts for the federal consultation process. The Agency and relevant federal authorities are currently evaluating whether a federal EA will be required. Further information on the federal EA process is available on the Agency's website at: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the federal EA process, please contact Tawanis Testart by telephone at 780-495-2460 or by electronic mail at tawanis.testart@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.



Yours truly,



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