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MAP OF THE INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION

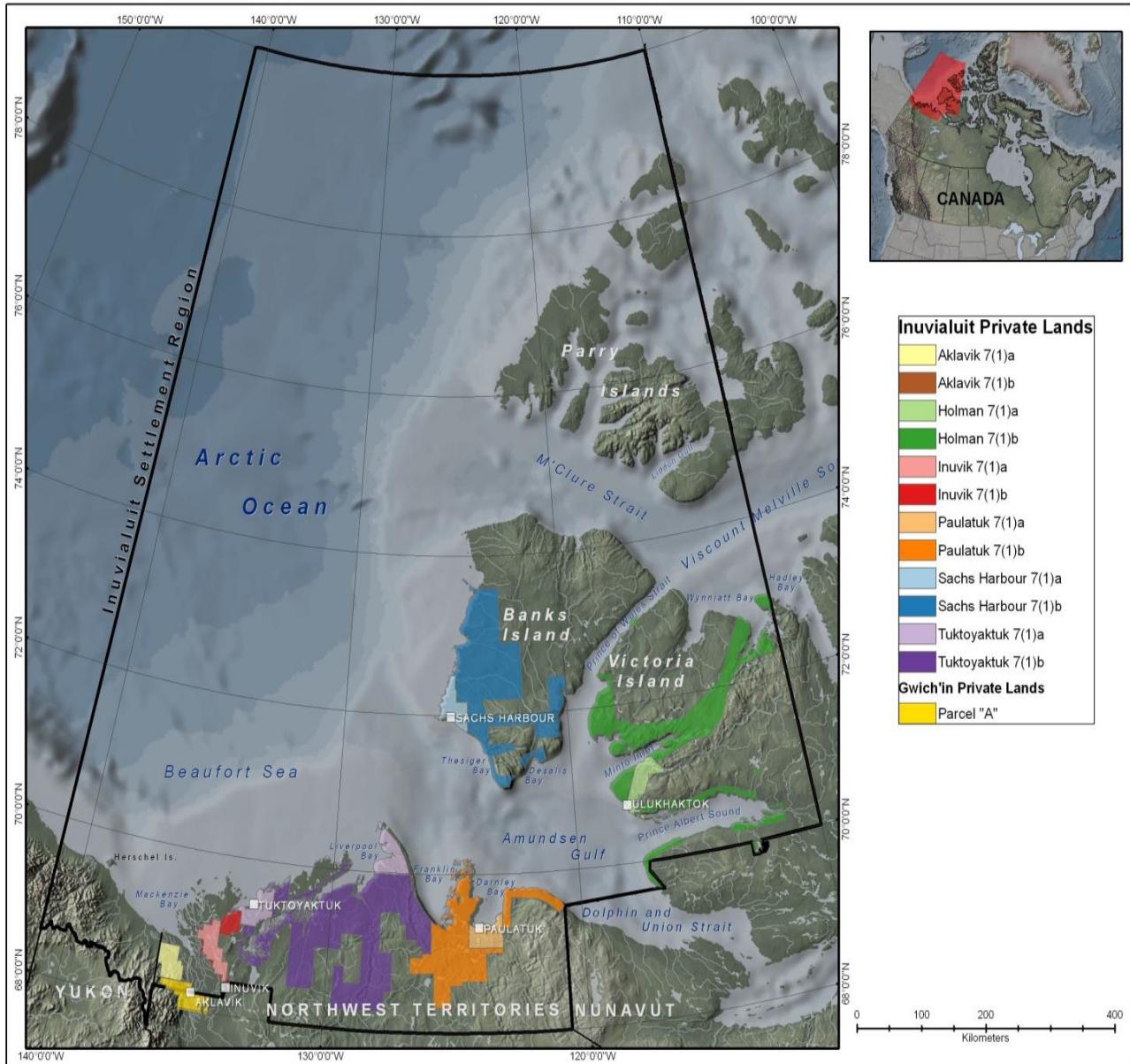


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

CHAIR'S COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Review Board's (EIRB) work during the reporting period focused on preparing for and initiating the public review of the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program (the Development) proposed by Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL) on behalf of the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture.

The Development involves drilling one or more wells within Exploration Licence (EL) 476 or 477 located in the Beaufort Sea in the offshore of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR). These ELs are in water depths that range from 60 m to 1500 m, and lie about 175 km north-northwest of Tuktoyaktuk. The well(s) would be drilled in water depths of 80 to 850 m.

The preferred or baseline case set out by the Developer would have the first well drilled in EL 477 commencing in the 2020 open water season, before the expiry of EL 477 (on 30 September 2020). The well(s) are assumed to require at least two years to complete and IORVL's proposed drill program schedule indicates that it may take three seasons to complete.

IORVL indicates that it will prepare a relief well plan as part of its Operations Authorization (OA) application to the National Energy Board (NEB) and that this plan will not include a same season relief well (SSRW). IORVL states that a relief well could be started but not be finished in the same season. IORVL's position is that a relief well is not a same season well control measure and that it is not possible to drill a well in a single season given the short drilling season in the Arctic, and that faster options exist to bring a well under control.

On December 11, 2013, the EIRB received a decision letter from the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referring the Development for environmental impact assessment and review as set out in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). The EISC determined that the proposed development could have significant negative environmental impacts and referred the development to the EIRB for a public review under subsection 11(20) of the IFA.

The IFA requires the EIRB to expeditiously review this proposed development and, on the basis of the evidence and information submitted to it, recommend whether or not the development should proceed and, if it should, on what terms and conditions, including mitigation and remedial measures. The Review Board may also recommend that the development should be subject to further assessment and review and, if so, the data or information required.

The EIRB commenced the review on December 23, 2013. In late February 2014 the EIRB released draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a sixty-day comment period. To enable input from Inuvialuit organizations and individuals, the Board conducted a tour of all of the communities in the ISR in March 2014. The Board received a number of submissions from governments, organizations and individuals and, after carefully considering those submissions, released a revised draft EIS ToR on May 30, 2013. To finalize the EIS ToR the EIRB requires more information from the proponent to correct deficiencies in the Project Description. The proponent has informed the EIRB that it will provide the requested information. The review will continue into the next fiscal year.

The EIRB has initiated discussion regarding this Development with the National Energy Board with respect to its' responsibilities under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* and associated regulations with a view to minimizing or eliminating any duplication in these review processes.

Because of the complexity of the proposed Development, the Board has undertaken an internal development program to ensure that the Board is familiar with the technology of offshore exploration drilling and the lessons learned from the Macondo disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to participating in the Arctic Technology Conference, the Board visited the Shell Woodcreek Operations Center, the Schlumberger Operations Support Center, the Chevron Operations Center, Cameron Iron Works and the Marine Well Containment Company in February 2014. The Board also engaged internal expertise through an interchange with the NEB.

Preparing and initiating the review has required significant new staff resources. The Board welcomed Richard Binder as the new EIRB Co-ordinator, Marie-Anick Elie as the Hearing Manager, Bharat Dixit as the Senior Technical Advisor and Dez Loreen as support staff. The EIRB also benefits from the advice of Bruce Young on process and John Donihee, legal advisor to the Board, in relation to the review and other Board related matters. We appreciate the excellent work provided by all of these individuals.

During this reporting period Crystal Lennie was appointed to the Board by the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) replacing Lawrence Amos and I was appointed Chair by the federal government upon agreement by the IGC replacing Elizabeth Snider.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to welcome Crystal to the EIRB and also thank the Board for the warm welcome that was extended to me. I would also like to thank the Board members and staff for their work and perseverance in undertaking the review and development program. As always, the assistance of the staff of the Joint Secretariat over this period is appreciated by the EIRB.

The Board thanks Elizabeth Snider and Lawrence Amos for their diligent work over the years. Crystal and I have large shoes to fill.

Jon Pierce

Chair

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) for the fiscal period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The EIRB was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, representing the Inuvialuit. The IFA was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32 - 33 Elizabeth II, C.24.], on June 28, 1984.

The IFA provides the groundwork for a two-stage Environmental Screening and Review Process that is carried out by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and the EIRB [IFA Section 11.0]. The EISC conducts environmental screenings of development activities proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessments and public reviews of development projects referred to it by the EISC pursuant to the IFA.

The goals of the IFA, directly relevant to EIRB operations, are:

- *to preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;*
- *to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and*
- *to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.*

MEMBERSHIP

The EIRB is composed of seven people. Three members are appointed by the Government of Canada; three members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC); and a Chair is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the IGC. Of the three members appointed by Canada, one is nominated by the Government of Yukon, one is nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and one is nominated by the Government of Canada.

MEMBERS FOR 2013–2014

CHAIR

Jon Pierce, Bowman, QC

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2013)

Present Term: October 11, 2013 to October 11, 2016

Elizabeth Snider, Smith Falls, ON

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2005)

Resignation effective: June 27, 2013

Present Term: March 29, 2011 to March 29, 2014

Previous Terms: March 29, 2008 to March 29, 2011

March 29, 2005 to March 29, 2008

MEMBERS

Lawrence Amos, Sachs Harbour, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2010)

Previous Term: September 2010 to September 2013

Crystal Lennie, Inuvik, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2013)

Present Term: September 2013 to September 2016

Herbert Felix, Inuvik, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)

Present Term: September 2011 to September 2014

Previous Terms: September 2008 to September 2011

September 2005 to September 2008

September 2002 to September 2005

September 1999 to September 2002

September 1996 to September 1999

September 1995 to September 1996

Roland Kikoak, Tuktoyaktuk, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2008)

Present Term: September 2011 to September 2014

Previous Term: September 2008 to September 2011

Bruce Chambers, Whitehorse, YT

Nominated by the Government of Yukon.

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2008)

Present Term: September 5, 2011 to September 5, 2014

Previous Term: September 5, 2008 to September 5, 2011

Catherine Cockney, Inuvik, NT

Nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2006)

Present Term August 8, 2013 to August 8, 2016

Previous Term: December 2009 to December 2012

Previous Term: December 2006 to December 2009

Jim Umpherson, Yellowknife, NT

Appointed by the Government of Canada (2011)

Present Term: December 28, 2011 to December 28, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The EIRB receives administrative, technical, and clerical support from the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Inuvik. Eli Nasogaluak, Environmental Coordinator, has been providing full-time assistance since March 2010. Richard Binder(CSU) assumed the responsibility of the Environmental Coordinator in December 2013. In addition, the staff of the Joint Secretariat (JS) included the following individuals:

JOINT SECRETARIAT BOARD MEMBERS

Chair	Frank Pokiak – IGC
Vice-Chair	John Ondrack – EISC
Director	Vic Gillman – FJMC
Director	Elizabeth Snider/Jon Pierce – EIRB
Director	Larry Carpenter – WMAC (NWT)
Director	Lindsay Staples – WMAC (NS)
Secretary	Norm Snow -- Executive Director

JS ADMIN STAFF

Secretary/Receptionist	Bernice Joe/Jessica Wilson (casual)
Travel/Accommodation	Shannon Jensen/Camellia Gray/Jerome Gordon
Finance Officer	Eunice Thrasher
Senior Finance Officer	Shannon Jensen
Office Manager	Kim Bernier/Linda McDonald
Librarian	Myrna Button
Acting SAO	Peggy Madore
HTC Admin Support	Shawna Kaglik

CO-MANAGEMENT BOARDS RESOURCE PERSONNEL

Organization	Present Staff	Past Staff
CBM	Jennie Knopp	
CSU	Richard Binder and Eli Nasogaluak	
EIRB	Richard Binder, Bharat Dixit, Marie-Anick Elie and Dez Loreen	Eli Nasogaluak
EISC	Darrell Christie	
FJMC	Kristin Hynes	James Malone and Danny Swainson
IGC	Steven Baryluk and Jennifer Lam	Environment Advisor (vacant)
WMAC (NS)	Jennifer Smith and Christine Cleghorn	
WMAC (NWT)	James Malone	Alex Bradley

REVIEWS

On December 11, 2013 the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referred the proposed development known as “Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program, [09-13-01]” submitted by Imperial Oil Resources Venture Limited (IORVL) to the Environmental Impact Review Board for public review.

The EIRB has a Registry site located on the EIRB site (www.eirb.ca); it is the role of the EIRB Coordinator to regularly update the registry site.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy of the EIRB’s current *Operating Procedures* or who have questions about the EIRB should contact:

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email: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

ROUTINE OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

The EIRB takes part in other activities, as necessary, to maintain currency in the field of Environmental Assessment. The following is a list of activities, meetings, workshops, and conferences in which various members of the EIRB took part in over the past year:

EIRB CONFERENCE CALL,

APRIL 30, 2013

PARTICIPANTS:

Elizabeth Snider,	Chair	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Roland Kikoak,	Member	John Donihee,	Legal Council
Herbert Felix,	Member	Gordon Stewart,	Support Staff
Bruce Chambers,	Member		
Catherine Cockney,	Member		
Jim Umpherson,	Member		

EIRB BOARD MEETING, INUVIK NT.

OCTOBER 8-9, 2013

PARTICIPANTS:

Elizabeth Snider,	Chair	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Roland Kikoak,	Member		
Herbert Felix,	Member		
Bruce Chambers,	Member		
Catherine Cockney,	Member		
Jim Umpherson,	Member		

EIRB BOARD MEETING, EDMONTON, ALTA.

DECEMBER 18-20, 2013

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	John Donihee,	Legal Council
Herbert Felix,	Member	Norm Snow,	Executive Director JS
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Elizabeth Snider,	Former Chair
Catherine Cockney,	Member		
Jim Umpherson,	Member		
Crystal Lennie,	Member		

EIRB BOARD TRAINING/CONFERENCE, ARCTIC TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE,
HOUSTON, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 10-11, 2014

FIELD TRIPS:

February 12, 2014,	AM - Shell Woodcreek Operations Center
February 13, 2014,	PM - Schlumberger Operations Support Center
February 14, 2014,	PM – Cameron Iron Works
	AM – Marine Well Containment Company

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Bruce Young,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Jim Umpherson,	Member		
Catherine Cockney,	Member		

EIRB BOARD MEETING, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

FEBRUARY 13, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Norm Snow,	Executive Director JS
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Catherine Cockney,	Member		(via – Teleconference)

EIRB TELECONFERENCE CALL

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	John Donihee,	Legal Council
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Herbert Felix,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Bruce Young,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Crystal Lennie,	Member		

EIRB PRE-ISR TOUR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 22, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Norm Snow,	Executive Director JS
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Frank Pokiak,	Chair – IGC
		Camellia Gray,	Travel Coordinator

EIRB BOARD MEETING, INUVIK, NT

MARCH 23, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Norm Snow,	Executive Director JS
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Frank Pokiak,	Chair – IGC

EIRB COMMUNITY TOUR, INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION

School Presentations and Community Information Sessions were carried out in all Inuvialuit communities regarding the EIRB Review Process and Draft Terms Of Reference for the Proposed Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program.

MARCH 24, 2014, TUKTOYAKTUK, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Herbert Felix,	Acting Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
		Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
		Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO
		Johnny Lennie,	ITI-GNWT

MARCH 25, 2014, PAULATUK, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Herbert Felix,	Acting Chair	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
		Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
		Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO

MARCH 26, 2014, ULUKHAKTOK, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Herbert Felix ,	Acting Chair	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
		Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
		Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO

MARCH 27, 2014, SACHS HARBOUR, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Herbert Felix,	Acting Chair	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Eli Nasogaluak,	EIRB Coordinator
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
		Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
		Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO

MARCH 30, 2014, INUVIK, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Herbert Felix,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO
		Johnny Lennie,	ITI-GNWT
		Marie Adams,	CANNOR-NPMO

MARCH 31, 2014, AKLAVIK, NT

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Herbert Felix,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Brian Chambers,	National Energy Board
Crystal Lennie,	Member	Margaret McQuiston,	NEB
Catherine Cockney,	Member	Frank Pokiak,	IGC Chair
		David Alexander,	CANNOR-NPMO
		Johnny Lennie,	ITI-GNWT
		Marie Adams,	CANNOR-NPMO

EIRB BOARD MEETING, INUVIK, NT

MARCH 28, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Jim Umpherson,	Member	Camellia Gray,	Travel Coordinator
Catherine Cockney,	Member		
Crystal Lennie,	Member		

EIRB BOARD MEETING, AKLAVIK, NT

MARCH 31, 2014

PARTICIPANTS:

Jon Pierce,	Chair	Richard Binder,	Support Staff
Roland Kikoak,	Member	Marie-Anick Elie,	Hearing Manager
Herbert Felix,	Member	Bharat Dixit,	Sr. Technical Advisor
Bruce Chambers,	Member	Dez Loreen,	Support Staff
Jim Umpherson,	Member		
Catherine Cockney,	Member		
Crystal Lennie,	Member		

FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member, Yukon Member and the Secretary of the EIRB, and for reviews conducted by the EIRB, is provided by way of Contribution Agreements with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided by way of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances is attached as Appendix B.

APPENDICIES

APPENDIX A ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

APPENDIX B FINANCIAL SUMMARY

APPENDIX A ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
CBM	Community Based Monitoring
CSU	Community Support Unit
EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC	Fisheries Joint Management Committee
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
HTC	Hunters and Trappers Committee
IFA	Inuvialuit Final Agreement (The Western Arctic Claim)
IGC	Inuvialuit Game Council
IORVL	Imperial Oil Resources Venture Limited
ISR	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
ITI	Industry Tourism and Investment
JS	Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
NEB	National Energy Board
NPMO	Northern Projects Management Office (CANNOR)
RP	Resource Person
WMAC (NWT)	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

APPENDIX B FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For full financial details, the audited financial statements of the Joint Secretariat should be consulted.
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