



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

May 7, 2010

By Email

The Honourable Chuck Strahl,
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,
Government of Canada,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON
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The Honourable Jim Prentice,
Minister of Environment,
Government of Canada,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Ministers:

RE: HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK, AND GNWT – CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (O2/10-5)

On April 27, 2010, the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) received a referral from the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) titled: “Construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, Northwest Territories” for environmental impact assessment and review as set out in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). This project was submitted by the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, the Town of Inuvik and the GNWT.

This project is entirely within the boundaries of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB has reviewed the requirement of Sections 11(11) and 11(12) of the IFA (as amended) and has concluded that, at this time, there is no other Aboriginal organization that should sit on the Review Panel.

The EIRB has initiated discussion with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency with respect to their responsibilities under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and regulations regarding this project with a view to minimize or eliminate any duplication in the review process. The EIRB will be writing to the Minister of Environment at a later date with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Snider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Snider".

Elizabeth Snider
Chair

cc Nellie Cournoyea
Chair, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Frank Pokiak
Chair, Inuvialuit Game Council