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Ms. Elizabeth Snider Chair Environmental Impact Review Board PO Box 2120 INUVIK NT X0E 0T0

Dear Ms. Snider:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2010, informing me that the Environmental Impact Screening Committee has referred the construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk highway to the Environmental Impact Review Board for environmental impact assessment and review. I strongly support efforts to minimize or eliminate duplication between the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* processes.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has registered with the Review Board as a participant in the review and looks forward to contributing to the process.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

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