

March 23, 2011

Mr. Eli Nasogaluak Environmental Assessment Coordinator Environmental Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2120 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

Dear Mr. Nasogaluak:

The proponents of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and GNWT) are requesting an extension to the previously revised/current March 31<sup>st</sup> end of business day deadline to respond with a draft EIS for the proposed construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway.

A number of issues related to contractor capacity and the timing for an internal GNWT and federal department review of the initial draft have necessitated this request for an extension of the deadline to the end of May, 2011. We consider the completion of these reviews important to identifying and addressing any significant issues before the general public and Review Board receive the draft EIS.

I should also note that we have commenced translation of the Executive Summary into Inuvialuktun.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. We look forward to working with the Board and you to complete the review of this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Stevens

On Behalf of the Proponents

Mayor Merven Gruben, Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Mayor Denny Rodgers, Town of Inuvik
Russell Neudorf, Deputy Minister Transportation

