



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

December 20, 2011

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Dear Mr. Jim Stevens,

Re: HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK AND GNWT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [02/10-05]

On December 8, 2011 the EIRB (Board) met to consider the Developer's response to the Letter of Direction to the Developer, issued by the Board on November 9, 2011. The Board has decided to move the review into the Technical Review phase.

The Technical Review is where the information the Developer has provided in the draft EIS and any supplementary information filed about the proposed development, its prediction of impacts, the significance of the identified impacts, the proposed mitigation measures and proposed follow-up and monitoring programs are all scrutinized and evaluated in detail by the Parties and the Review Board. The Technical Review phase will include an Information Request (IR) process that allows the Review Board and the Parties to request additional information and/or clarification on any part of the draft EIS and the supplementary information.

The Board has reserved its decision on accepting the draft EIS and supplementary information as the final EIS for the purposes of this proceeding. The Board will review the contents of the record at a later date, after considering the results of the IR process. The Board anticipates that the IR process will generate additional information that will be useful to the Technical Review and ultimately to final conformity of the EIS. The Board wishes to realize the value of having the Parties involved in the next steps of the review process and intends to the review along in a timely manner.

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The Board has posted several Information Bulletins and schedules to the Registry site that explain the next steps in the review process. The posted information consists of:

- Information Bulletin on the Information Request (IR) Process during the Technical Review phase
- Schedule for the IR process with response timelines
- Information Bulletin on the remaining steps in the review process
- Schedule for optional Technical Sessions, if these are deemed necessary by the Board
- Revised Review Schedule

As such, please expect a first round of IRs from the Board to be issued to you on January 16, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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