



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

February 7, 2012

To all Parties in the EIRB Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Review

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Re: Review Board Intention to Retain Outside Expertise

Please be advised that the Environmental Impact Review Board ("EIRB") has identified a need for expertise in the areas of northern climate and permafrost in relation to the proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project. The Board proposes to retain Dr. Chris Burn, NSERC, Northern Research Chair, from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Carleton University. Dr. Burn is a widely recognized expert in this area and his research activities in the north span more than two decades. Dr. Burn has also appeared in both environmental impact assessment and regulatory hearings in the Northwest Territories. Because of Dr. Burn's many research connections and wide involvement in the north, the Review Board is offering any parties to this proceeding, who may wish to address Dr. Burn's involvement with the Board, the opportunity to comment.

If any party in the proceeding plans to express any concern about the Board's potential retainer with Dr. Burn, they must write to the Board on or before the end of business on **February 13, 2012**. Any such correspondence should set out the specific details of any concerns expressed. Parties are advised that the Board will assume that any party which does not express a concern has no issue with the Board's proposed course of action.

Yours truly,

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