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May 29, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Snider:

Directives to the Developer regarding the Review of the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk, Town of Inuvik and GNWT - Construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, Northwest Territories [02/10/05]

We are writing to you to express our extreme disappointment over the decision by the EIRB to delay the Public Hearings for the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project. This decision could jeopardize this project and place it outside of the current federal government's priorities. At a minimum it will delay construction for at least a year and delay needed economic opportunities for residents of the Beaufort/Delta. We believe that there is significant public support for this project to move forward and that timely public hearings could remove some of the uncertainties that your Board may have.

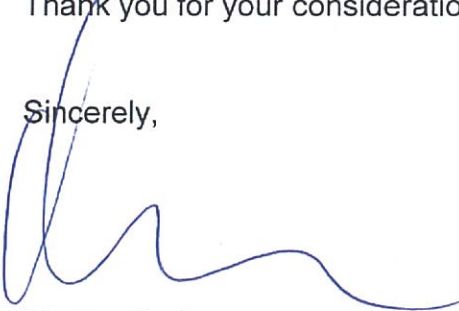
We feel that many of the requests for additional information are unnecessary and that the scope of the project review continues to grow without any logical or practical basis. For example, the recent letter from the Board requests us to provide an estimate of the aggregate requirements for development of hydrocarbon resources in the vicinity of Parson's Lake for a 50 year time frame and a similar request for work in the Tuk Harbour.

Obviously there is no reasonable way for the proponents to make such estimates with confidence and we question the rationale in trying to predict events for the next 50 years which are so uncertain. In our view this perturbation serves no useful purpose and only delays consideration of more important matters and issues.

It is also our understanding based on an October 14, 2011 meeting held in Yellowknife between our respective staff and advisors/consultants that the provision and completion of additional studies would not delay the review schedule. Yet now we note that in the Board's letter that this is a major reason as to why we now have a year's delay in the initiation of this important project. We are committed to completing these studies. We also note that with freshet underway, the majority of these will be completed in the near future.

We collectively view this as an urgent situation and that it is critical we meet with the Board and technical staff/consultants as soon as possible to determine if we can recover the original schedule or if other solutions to completing the review effectively and efficiently exist. Please advise us as to whether you are able to arrange a meeting between the proponents and the EIRB so that this urgent situation can be discussed. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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