## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**



June 18, 2012

Note to File

Re: Correspondence received by the EIRB and Staff activity following the May 25, 2012 release of the EIRB's Directives to the Developer letter regarding the HAMLET OF TUKTOYAKTUK, TOWN OF INUVIK AND GNWT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE INUVIK TO TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [02/10-05]

On May 25, 2012 the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB or Review Board) issued Directives to the Developer which indicated the outstanding information that the Review Board required to complete the Review, the timeframe for the Developer to provide the information, and a revised Review schedule.

In response to the Directives to the Developer, the following correspondences were received:

- 1. May 31, 2012 Developer response letter to the EIRB's Directives to the Developer.
- May 31, 2012 Letter from the Mayors of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik and the Minister of the
  Department of Transportation, GNWT in response to the Directives to the Developer. This letter
  requested a meeting with the Review Board and its staff and consultants regarding the revised
  Review schedule.
- 3. **June 5, 2012** Letter from Developer updating its response to IR 28.1.
- 4. **June 7, 2012** Letter from Developer with attachment from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources responding to the Directive to update the Socio-Economic assessment based on new Census Data.
- June 8, 2012 Letter from Developer with attachment from the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) responding to the Directive to update the Socio-Economic assessment based on new Census Data.
- 6. **June 11, 2012** Information provided by the Developer in response to IR's 147 152 sent with the Directives to the Developer.

These correspondences can be found on the Public Registry site for the Review, at www.eirb.ca.

The Review Board is committed to ensuring this Review is completed as fairly and expeditiously as possible. However, the progress of the Review also depends on whether the information the EIRB requires to meet its legal responsibilities under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* are provided by the Developer. The information required by the EIRB to meet these legal responsibilities was clearly identified to the Developer and all Parties in the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement and in correspondences to the Developer since the Terms of Reference were issued in November 2010.

The Review Board is also committed to ensuring the Review process is responsive to the Developer's needs. Therefore, in response to the meeting requested by the Developer, the Review Board instructed its staff and legal Counsel to meet with the Developer to discuss Review process issues and to review the current schedule for completing the Review.

The meeting between EIRB staff and Counsel and the Developer occurred in Yellowknife on June 15, 2012. Minutes from this meeting will be posted to the Registry site when they are available.

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