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By email to: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

Mr. Eli Nasogaluak
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Dear Mr. Nasogaluak,

RE: Request for Ruling - Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project
EIRB FILE NO: 02/10-05

The Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) is writing to the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) on behalf of all federal departments participating in the environmental impact review for the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project. This letter is a response to the developer's Request for Ruling, submitted to EIRB on June 18, 2012.

In their letter, the developer indicates that the proposed schedule outlined in the May 25, 2012 letter from the EIRB puts the project at jeopardy of losing its funding. The Government of Canada would like to clarify that Budget 2011 provided \$150 million to support the project in partnership with the Government of the Northwest Territories, the private sector, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, and local communities. The federal funding identified in Budget 2011 is available over five years, starting in 2012-13.

In terms of the schedule for the remainder of this review, the federal government is prepared to proceed as the EIRB sees fit. Environment Canada has identified their outstanding information requirements in their June 15, 2012 letter to the EIRB and expects further information from the proponent in August. Transport Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have also been in communication with the proponent about information they require prior to the completion of this assessment. The federal government expects that the proponent will submit the requested information in a timely fashion.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this information further, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Witherly at kate.witherly@cannor.gc.ca or 867-766-8436.

Sincerely,



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cc: Conrad Baetz, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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