



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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Attention: Jim Stevens

Dear Mr. Stevens,

Re.: Attendance of Experts at Inuvik Public Hearings

At the Technical Sessions held in Inuvik on August 22 & 23, 2012 there were several topics identified on the Agenda that were discussed but either could not be completed as the Developer's experts in these areas were not available, or did not result in a thorough enough discussion to address outstanding questions of the reviewer(s). The Review Panel anticipates that its advisors or other parties will want to pursue these topic areas at the Public Hearings in Inuvik. Topics of immediate interest to the Panel are identified below.

Climate, and Terrain, Geology, Soils Permafrost— the EIRB's permafrost expert Dr. Chris Burn asked some climate change and geotechnical questions that could not be answered as the Developer's experts in these areas were not available for the Technical Sessions. The Developer was advised that these questions would be asked at the Public Hearings to be held in Inuvik on September 18 and 19, 2012. Please ensure that your experts in climate change and geotechnical matters are present at the Public Hearings scheduled for Inuvik.

Mitigation of Potential Effects—the Developer has indicated that some project effects would be mitigated and managed through the regular programming and service delivery of other parties. In order for the Review Panel to fulfill its responsibilities under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) and under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) in this substituted review process, it will need to determine whether potential project effects will be adequately mitigated and determine how the effectiveness of proposed mitigation will be monitored. Please ensure that experts, who can address the mitigation and monitoring of project effects, particularly those identified for socio-economic VSECs, are present at the Public Hearings scheduled for Inuvik.

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

Thank you,



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