



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

January 25, 2013

The Honourable Peter Kent,
Minister of the Environment,
House of Commons

The Honourable John Duncan,
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development,
House of Commons

The Honourable Keith Ashfield,
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans,
House of Commons

The Honourable Denis Lebel,
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities,
House of Commons

Dear Ministers:

Proposal to Construct the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, Northwest Territories:

The proposed Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project was subject to a review in accordance with s.11 of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and a substituted environmental impact assessment process pursuant to ss.40(1)(d) and ss.43(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. In accordance with the provisions of ss.11(32) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, I am pleased to convey for your consideration, the report enclosing the decision and written reasons of the Environmental Impact Review Panel appointed to complete this review.

The Panel has recommended that the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project proceed, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Panel's report.

I respectfully draw your attention to ss.11(34) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement that requires if the competent governmental authority is unwilling or unable to accept any recommendation of the Review Board or wishes to modify any such recommendations, it shall give reasons in writing within 30 days, stating why it has not accepted the recommendations.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Snider
Panel Chair