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IKAJUTIT HUNTERS' & TRAPPERS' ORGANIZATION

February 13, 2015

Re: Letter of Intent #:024

The Ikajutit Hunters and Trapper's Organization Board of Director supports the 2015-2016 CHARS research project entitled "***Monitoring Contaminants and Genotoxicity in Small Mammal Population Inhabiting Former Mining Areas of Nunavut***" submitted by Dr Solomon Amuno. Given the historical significance of the Nanisivik mine for the Inuit community of Arctic Bay, and the increasing use of the former mining area for hunting/trapping activities, we are pleased to support a very timely research that will help our community improve understanding of the pathological conditions, genetic response and pollution status of wildlife, particularly important small mammal population inhabiting the former mining area. We believe that our collaboration with Dr. Amuno and other research team members will play a vital role in advancing understanding of small mammal responses to environmental contaminants in the high arctic environment, particularly areas affected by historical mining activities and operations.

Should you have further questions with respect to our support for the research, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to successful research collaboration.

Your truly,



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