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Karen Kharatyan Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board

RE: Pangnirtung Land Bridge License No. 1BW-DUV1520

Dear Mr. Kharatyan

During construction of Pangnirtung Dockyard, DFO built the Land Bridge over Duval River and detained a water License. This License has been transferred to the Hamlet of Pangnirtung. Hamlet continued using this land bridge after the construction of the Dockyard was complete. This Land Bridge was washed away last summer. We need a land bridge to transport heavy/wide loads and to permit snowmobilers to cross the river. The main reasons why a new land bridge is critical in Pangnirtung are as follows:

- 1. The maximum capacity of the steel bridge is 40 tons, which is not sufficient in capacity and width for wide loads such as sea containers, boat, shacks, etc. that need to be transported from the other side of Pangnirtung. Also, our heavy equipment such as the hamlet's excavator is unable to cross the existing bridge because the bridge is too narrow.
- 2. Snowbilers crossing the existing bridge bring a serious potential damage to both the bridge and the snowmobile. However snowmobilers continue using the bridge because it is their only option in crossing the river.
- 3. In 2008 when our old bridge was washed, away many essential services couldn't be provided to all Pangnirtung residents. Municipal services vehicles such as water/sewer and garbage trucks couldn't cross to the other side of Pangnirtung. These are essential services that must be available to all community members.

The land bridge is necessary to ensure that essential services continue to be provided to all Pangnirtung residents. Therefore Hamlet of Pangnirtung is planning to rebuild the land bridge using the same materials and at the same location in July 2016.

Please consider this letter is a notice of modification/replacement of the existing land bridge over the Duval river as per Part E Conditions Applying to Construction and Modification of the License No. 1BW-DUV1520

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Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

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