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ATTENTION: Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director

The Water Resources Division, NWT and Nunavut Regions, have reviewed the above application (#00RN108) and have the following comments.

Further to Greg Cook's letter of February 08, 2001, we are pleased to see the further details on the temporary bridge over the Aliarusik River, prior to Barrow Lake. It is understood that this screening is only required for the portion of the road between the first bridge and the DEW line site, and the construction of the temporary bridge. The applications to the Nunavut Water Board for a water licence and to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada for a Fisheries Authorization satisfy the concerns outlined in the Division's earlier letter. We have no water-related concerns with the project at this point in time, and expect that any effects can be prevented or mitigated by conditions in the Water Licence or Fisheries Authorization.

We do not feel this is the appropriate phase to screen the construction of a permanent bridge, which was the "Third Phase" of this development as identified in your letter of April 17th to Minister Nault. Firstly, there is no information in this package which identifies the location, timing, or construction methods which would be used in the establishment of a permanent bridge in the Kugaaruk area. Without this, there is no way to assess the potential effects of such a structure. We expect that there will be a requirement for a water licence should this structure become permanent, and that the bridge would be screened at that point in time.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (867) 669-2660.

Sincerely,

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