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September 27, 2007

The Hon. Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.,
 Minister, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,
 21st Floor, Les Terrasses de la Chaudiere,
 Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister,

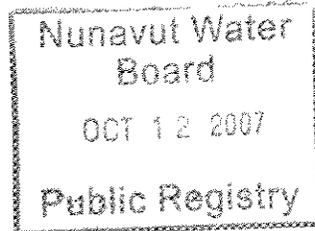
Thank you for your letter of September 18, 2007, replying to my earlier letter of April 12, 2007, concerning natural resource management and regulation in Nunavut.

We have had a useful exchange of ideas on a variety of aspects of this topic in our exchange of letters, and NTI welcomes recent steps taken by your Government in relation to the development of Nunavut land planning and environmental assessment legislation and to the review of the Wolfden Resources High Lake Project.

Underlying any sound approach to the management and regulation of natural resources in Nunavut must be a reliable effort on the part of the Government of Canada to live up to the full range of promises made to Inuit by the Crown in the 1993 Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, and a willingness to situate that effort within a broader problem-solving partnership that gives priority to overcoming social and economic challenges as well as facilitating natural resource investment and development. As evidenced by NTI's current litigation against the Crown, the Government of Canada is still falling far short in that regard, but I remain hopeful that your Government is open to a more constructive and creative approach.

Sincerely,

Paul Kaludjak,
 President



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