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Dear Sirs:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) would like to thank the Minister for his letter dated May 30, 2007. This letter addressed key issues including:

- Efficient Wolfden Part 5 review (non-duplication with CEAA, scoping, funding, etc.)
- Accelerated legislative agenda
- NLCA amendment

Work on the first two points has commenced and on the last point, NIRB has given some thought to such a clause that would clarify the question of jurisdiction and eliminate duplication. To achieve these goals, an amendment would need to state:

- CEAA does not apply in Nunavut; and
- No project shall be referred to a Part 6 Federal panel unless the geographic nature of the project is fundamentally transborder.

Since the Board has no legislated role in the NLCA amendment process, the Board wishes you both good luck in achieving a timely resolution to this issue.

We do understand that the amendment formula is straight forward, and has been achieved several times in the past. Given the major projects facing the Board, an amendment by Fall 2007 would be graciously appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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