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Honourable Chuck Strahl Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada c/o Jeff Holwell Land Administrator Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

Via email: <a href="mailto:holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca">holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>

Re: <u>Application Exempt from Screening: Department of National Defense's Griffith Island</u>
Project

Dear Jeff Holwell:

On January 7, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for the Department of National Defense's Griffith Island Project Proposal. Following this, on January 17, 2008, the NIRB received the Class B Application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1 (2) and (5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which state:

Schedule 12-1 (2):

"Land use activities requiring only a Class B permit under the Territorial Land Use Regulations (SOR/77-210 4 March 1977)".

Schedule 12-1 (5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3".

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or 867-983-4605.

Yours truly,

Stephanie Autut Executive Director

Cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission