



February 12, 2004

Mr. Hugh Wilson  
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and to: **Distribution List**

Dear Parties:

**Re: Response to Final EIS Comments**

On December 9, 2003 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) wrote to the Distribution List to ask for comments on whether or not the Final EIS conformed to the Board's Pre-Hearing decision issued to the Proponent, June 12, 2003. Comments were due back to the Board on February 2, 2004.

Having now reviewed the Final EIS for conformity, and the intervenor comments, the Board is prepared to set Final Hearings approximately 120 days from today's date, which is roughly the week of June 14, 2004, dependant of course on logistical arrangements.

Another letter will be sent to all parties within the next week outlining detailed procedures and the following:

- The Proponents requirements for technical meetings, which will address the outstanding issues, raised in the interveners submissions.
- The Board's request for additional information requirements, which were not necessarily addressed by the other interveners.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe  
Executive Director

cc: Minister Mitchell, Board