



November 24, 2003

Mr. John Donihee, Esq.  
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*via fax 403 282 6596*

Dear Mr. Donihee:

Re: Participation of KIA in NIRB Tahera Jericho Hearings

Thank you for your letter of November 20, 2003 (copy attached for other parties). I am happy to answer your questions and will be sending this response to the distribution list, as the matters you raise are important, and could have a relevance to other parties.

First, you note that KIA who represents the beneficiaries in the Kitikmeot would like to make all communities aware of its position, and will be presenting more formally in Cambridge Bay (at the more technical session) and less formally in the other venues. Your request, for at least 20 minutes presentation time in the venues of Gjoa Haven and Kugluktuk, seems reasonable and you should present it to the Chair at the hearing.

Second, you have asked for the opportunity to cross-examine other interveners besides Tahera Corporation, the proponent. The request is granted on the condition that the purpose of such cross-examination is to question and interrogate the other presentations, and not simply to repeat similar evidence. We are happy that you will first examine other submissions and make NIRB's counsel or the Board aware of your needs to cross-examine any other party. Subject to the direction in this paragraph and that of the Chair at the hearing, your request will be granted.

Third, you raise the issue of closing submissions, that is, whether or not the final closing arguments will be done at Gjoa Haven or in writing following the hearing. Our best guess at this time is that other parties will be in the same position as you are, which means others may want to have additional time, perhaps a couple of weeks, to file closing written arguments after the hearing closes. This seems to be a reasonable request, and we invite you to make this request to the Board at any of the three venues during the hearing.

I hope this answers your questions and look forward to seeing you and other parties at the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Briscoe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephanie" and last name "Briscoe" clearly distinguishable.

Stephanie Briscoe  
Executive Director

cc: Minister Nault, Distribution List