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Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq  
Chairperson  
Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

On behalf of Minister Chuck Strahl I would like to thank you for your letters of April 23, 2010 and May 7, 2010, regarding participant funding for the Kiggavik Project.

Departmental officials have been in contact with your staff and are working co-operatively on the appointments and terms of reference for the independent review committee to evaluate and review the applications. The committee is now formed; however, recognizing that the Board has extended the deadline for applications until June 1, 2010, I support the recommendation to postpone the advisory committee's review of applications.

I anticipate further correspondence from the Board with an updated identification of intervenors whose contribution is important for the review, and the level of funding required to facilitate their participation. In advance, I would like to advise the Board that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has set aside a total of \$250,000 in participant funding for the Kiggavik Project.

Our goal is to ensure that directly affected parties have funding to participate in the assessment. I commend the members of the Board for their efforts of fairness and transparency as they solicit applications for participant funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Patrick Borbey  
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