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The KIA is also concerned that the timeframe and timing of this process will not allow for sufficient technical assessments of the LMI commitment responses. The KIA offices, for example, will be closed from noon Dec. 19, 2014 and only reopening Jan. 5, 2015. Other interveners may also be experiencing similar operational shutdowns or slowdowns. Even if we assumed the KIA office was not shutdown, the timeframe is very tight, given that interveners only have 5 business days to assess LMI's final responses (January 21 2015) and integrate the assessments into their final responses and presentations (January 28 2015). The process may be further compromised if information trickles in, and interveners have a substantial need to respond to such information.

Again, the KIA is not a regulating agency with respect to this project, but we are representing Inuit interests due to the historic importance of Tahikyoak (Contwoyto Lake). We are of the opinion that it would be in everyone's best interest, Inuit and interveners alike, if the Board would allow enough time for the process to work effectively. We suggest that the Board should consider these matters in regard to the final hearing dates.

The KIA would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to submit these comments. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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