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Re: 08MN053 BIMC - Mary River (Nuluyait) Project

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This is in response to your request for comments on the above project before May 23, 2008.

**brLSc** Kimmirut

> The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is the Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) to address Article 12 (Impact Review), Article 13 (Water Management), Article 20 (Inuit Water Rights), and Article 26 (IIBA) for this project.

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We have reviewed the proposal and recommend that the NIRB should inform the Minister in writing that the proposal requires review under Part 5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

The Mary River (Nuluyait) project is the largest development project in Nunavut's history. The various components (the tote road, mining sites, the railway, deep seaport, the shipping route, year-round shipping, air traffic, construction camps, greatly increased human activity) when combined, will have a very large environmental footprint in the North Baffin. The shipping route

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through Foxe Basin and Hudson Strait will raise major concerns from communities that depend on marine mammals in that enclosed ecosystem. The communities of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut are also concerned about the huge ships passing so close to their communities.

The project also has the potential of having significant socio-economic effects on the surrounding communities in particular, and the region as a whole, both positive and negative. Our consultations with our constituents in the area indicate this project will cause significant public concern.

We look forward to working with the NIRB to give this mega-project a thorough review.

John Amagoalik Director,

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