



145 McDermot Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
R3B 0R9

October 1, 2010

Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O Box 1360 Cambridge Bay,
NU, X0B 0C0

Re: Consideration of a New Alternative in the Draft EIS for the Mary River Project

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposal to include a new alternative, the "Road Haulage Option", into the draft EIS. After reviewing the EIS Guidelines, Parks Canada would recommend amending section 8.1.13.2 to specifically include a consideration of potential impacts on the proposed Lancaster Sound national marine conservation area (NMCA). A memorandum of understanding to launch the NMCA feasibility assessment was signed by the federal and Nunavut ministers of environment and the president of Qikiqtani Inuit Association in December 2009. Furthermore, we note that the level of detail which we would expect about the Milne Inlet shipping route and potential impacts on the marine environment should match the level of increased use proposed, bearing in mind that the inlet is within the study area for a NMCA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Katherine Cumming
A/Manager of Resource Conservation

c.c.

Doug Yurik, Chief Marine Program Coordination
Carey Elverum, Park Manager, Sirmilik National Park of Canada