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Dear Li Wan

**Re: Transport Canada's Response to Information Requests from the  
Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)**

Transport Canada (TC) is offering the following response to the March 24, 2011 Information Request by Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) directed to departments involved in the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Baffinland Iron Ore Mine's Ltd's Mary River Project.

**IR Number 33**

It is requested that each Responsible Agency provide a summary of the project components that will require their attention according to the mandates authorized unto them by their governing jurisdictions. It is requested that each Responsible Agency provide context into their role in inspection, monitoring, and enforcement activities with respect to their act/regulation.

**TC Response:**

Transport Canada (TC) is responsible for transportation policies and programs. It ensures that air, marine, road and rail transportation are safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible. TC derives its authority from numerous Acts which include the *Aeronautics Act*, *Canada Shipping Act*, *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act*, *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*, 1992.

For the Baffinland Iron Ore Mine's Ltd's Mary River Project, TC's review will focus on works built in, on, over, under, through or across navigable water, marine transportation

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- vessel navigation safety, protection of the marine environment, and the security and safety of the proposed arctic railway system.

Transport Canada's mandate addresses the following areas:

- road safety, including vehicle and equipment standards and defects
- air safety, including airline and personnel regulation and certification, airport policy, and onboard safety
- marine safety, from commercial vessel construction standards to ships' personnel certification
- policies for the safe transportation of dangerous goods, including chemicals, hazardous waste and explosives
- rail safety and inspection
- sustainable transportation initiatives, to promote energy efficiency and environmental protection in transportation.

#### **IR Number 35**

It is requested that each Responsible Agency with a permit, license or other approval commit to presenting their role in the project assessment and operational setting for the proposed project. To assist with this commitment, QIA will commit to working with all Responsible Agencies to facilitate effective community interactions.

#### **TC Response**

TC appreciates QIA's proposal to facilitate consultation between regulators and the communities. TC is committed to developing a Responsible Agencies Information Package for distribution to communities involved with the Baffinland Iron Ore Mine's Ltd's Mary River Project.

Should you have any questions pertaining to these comments, please contact me via email at [christopher.aguirre@tc.gc.ca](mailto:christopher.aguirre@tc.gc.ca) or by telephone at (204) 984-2615.

Regards,



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