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RE: Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference, Pond Inlet

Mr. Hohnstein,

QIA is writing to you today to confirm our attendance at the upcoming meetings scheduled to take place in Pond Inlet on January 16th and 17th, 2013. QIA attendees will register with the Nunavut Water Board at the on-set of meetings. QIA has no specific comments on the draft agenda, however, QIA notes the additional information provided by the NWB on January 7th, 2013 has resulted in additional preparations prior to the meeting within a very limited timeframe.

Furthermore, as a follow-up to discussions during the recent NIRB Project Certificate Workshop, QIA has prepared a slideshow to present before all parties. QIA has translated the slide show and will be prepared to present in Inuktitut. Hard copies will also be prepared and available. QIA intends to rely on one presentation for all events. QIA is not planning to issue an executive summary, rather our presentation will be the only document presented for the purposes of these meetings. QIA's materials will be edited in-line with the most recent meeting information provided by the NWB.

On the topic of whether or not technical issues will be addressed by the proponent prior to Final Hearings, QIA cannot comment on this with any certainty. Rather, QIA is approaching final hearings with the intention that the Coordinated Review Process allows for opportunities for interveners to present, discuss and seek resolution of outstanding topics. For QIA this is understood to include the ability to submit final comments prior to Final Hearings, and, the ability to discussing outstanding topics during the Final Hearing process. QIA continues to work with the proponent and other parties outside the formal review process in an effort to further discussions related to water licencing. QIA can commit to reporting back to the NWB on these discussions as they relate to the formal licencing process.

Finally, as an Institution of Pubic Government under the Nuanvut Land Claims Agreement, QIA strongly recommends that the NWB invest in meetings with local organizations prior to and following the formal sessions set out in the draft agenda. Here QIA recommends the NWB hold meetings with QIA's Mary River Project Committee, the Hunters and Trappers



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