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April 12th, 2013

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Mr. Cote,

**Re: Water Compensation Agreement**

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is presenting this letter to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) as a formal update in relation to the status of a Water Compensation Agreement (WCA), as required under Article 20 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

QIA recognizes and understands the importance of providing the NWB with clarity on the status of a WCA prior to Final Hearings, presently scheduled to take place in Pond Inlet on April 23rd-25th, 2013.

QIA and the project proponent continue in discussions with a clear desire to reach a WCA prior to Final Hearings. QIA commits to providing further, and hopefully positive confirmation, as to the status of a WCA on or before Friday April 19th, 2013.

As per our direct discussions today, QIA understands that in the event parties are not able to reach a WCA, and if either party requests the involvement of the NWB in order to resolve the absence of a WCA, as per Article 20.3.2 of the NLCA, that this may result in alternative scheduling of the Final Hearing. If such a circumstance were to occur QIA can assure the NWB, and all other participants to the Final Hearing process, that such a request would only occur if QIA feels that it has otherwise exhausted the possibility of reaching a WCA directly with the proponent in advance of Final Hearings.

Sincerely,

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