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Our File:
08-HCAA-CA7-00015

Michael Meyer
Environment and Social Responsibility
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Subject: Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat provided that additional mitigation measures are applied.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish Habitat Management Program (DFO) received your proposal on May 22, 2008. Your proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat which are prohibited by the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. Our review consisted of the Doris Camp – Windy Camp Access Road Technical Report signed and stamped by Maritz Rykaart (SRK Consulting), dated May 15, 2008.

We understand that you propose to install clear span structures, either conventional arch culverts or clear span bridge decks, over four watercourses along the proposed Windy Camp Road. This is to confirm that the Operational Statement for Clear Span Bridges can be used, provided that the mitigation measures listed in the document are incorporated into the technical report and implemented. Please find attached the Operational Statement for Clear-Span Bridges and the notification form for you to complete and return to the undersigned.

Provided that the additional mitigation measures described in the Operational Statement for Clear Span Bridge are incorporated into your plans, DFO has concluded that your proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

You will not need to obtain a formal approval from DFO in order to proceed with your proposal.

Please notify this office at least 10 days before starting the work. A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress.

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If the plans have changed or if the description of your proposal is incomplete you should contact this office to determine if the advice in this letter still applies

Please be advised that any impacts to fish and fish habitat which result from a failure to implement this proposal as described or incorporate the additional mitigation measures included in this letter could lead to corrective action such as enforcement.

If you have any questions please contact myself at our Iqaluit office at (867) 979-8007, by fax at (867) 979-8039, or by email at Amy.Liu@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Attachments: Operational Statement for Clear Span Bridges
Operational Statement Notification Form

Copy: Keith Pelley – Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Sylvia Novoligak – Nunavut Impact Review Board
Geoff Clark – Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Gary Ash – Golder Associates