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## Nunavut Maligaliurvia Assemblée législative du Nunavut

January 20, 2017

Mr. Ken Armstrong
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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I am writing in my capacity as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut for the constituency of Amittuq, which includes the community of Hall Beach.

As you will be very much aware, the Nunavut Impact Review Board issued its *Screening Decision Report* concerning North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s "Mel Project" (NIRB File No. 16EN062) on January 10, 2017. I have reviewed, with care, the submissions made to the Nunavut Impact Review Board from such parties as the Hall Beach Hunters' and Trappers' Association, the Government of Nunavut and the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change. I note with particular attention the Government of Nunavut's recommendations concerning the protection of caribou calving and post-calving grounds, as well as the undertaking of a field archeology assessment program.

I strongly support the Nunavut Impact Review Board's recommendation that North Arrow Minerals submit an annual report to the Board concerning this project which, among other requirements, provides "a description of local hires, contracting opportunities and initiatives," as well as a "summary of community consultations undertaken throughout the year, providing copy of materials presented to community members, a description of issues and concerns raised, discussions with community members and advice offered to the company as well as any follow-up actions that were required or taken to resolve any concerns expressed about the project proposal."

In reviewing North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s correspondence to the Nunavut Impact Review Board of December 14, 2016, I am pleased to note that your company has committed to meeting with the municipal leadership of Hall Beach, including the Hunters' and Trappers' Association, on April 7, 2017. I also note that your company plans, "if possible," to also hold a public community meeting.

As you will appreciate, the significant number of concerns that have been expressed by the Hall Beach Hunters' and Trappers' Association and individual residents of the community make it imperative that a public community meeting be held in Hall Beach <u>in</u> <u>addition to</u> the planned meetings with the municipal leadership.

This is an essential step towards obtaining community support for your company's project. I also strongly encourage representatives from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association to be in attendance at the April meetings.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

George Qulaut, MLA Amittuq

c.c. Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Minister of Environment
Mayor of Hall Beach
Chairperson of the Hall Beach Hunters' and Trappers' Association
President of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Chairperson of the Nunavut Impact Review Board
Chairperson of the Nunavut Water Board

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