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July 5, 2013

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*and:* Iqaluit Hydroelectric Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Notice of Minister's Decision for Qulliq Energy Corporation's "Iqaluit Hydroelectric" Project Proposal**

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Dear Mr. Clark and Parties:

On July 5, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed letter from the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (the Minister), regarding the NIRB's April 29, 2013 Screening Decision Report for Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) "Iqaluit Hydroelectric" project proposal (NIRB File No. 13UN006). The Minister has accepted the Board's recommendation that the Iqaluit Hydroelectric project proposal requires a public review under Part 5 or 6 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), determining that the project proposal shall be subject to Review by the NIRB in accordance with the NLCA Article 12, Part 5.

The proposed Iqaluit Hydroelectric project is located in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut and is located between 30 and 60 kilometres (km) southwest of the City of Iqaluit. The proposal involves the development of storage hydroelectric facilities with the maximum capacity of 14.6 Megawatts (MW) at Jaynes Inlet and 7.5 MW at the Armshow South site to supply electricity to the City of Iqaluit. The project would also involve the development of barge landing sites, access roads for the construction and operation of these facilities, transmission lines linking the hydroelectric facilities with the City of Iqaluit as well as two potential airstrips. QEC has proposed a two phased development, beginning with the construction of the Jaynes Inlet hydroelectric facility, followed by the development the Armshow South site.

Pursuant to NLCA Section 12.5.1, the Minister highlighted the following specific issues of concern for the NIRB to consider as part of its review of the Iqaluit Hydroelectric project:

- The Minister agrees that the issues of potential socio-economic impacts, potential ecosystemic impacts, safety risks of dam design, potential human health impacts, climate change effects assessment and long-term lifespan of the proposed development should be addressed through the public review process. The Minister stated that: *“As the Board notes in its report, there are six issues relating to the proposal that require further consideration. I agree that these are all important issues that should be fully considered during the review of the project.”*
- The Minister emphasized the issue of potential socio-economic impacts due to the proposed project and noted that it is essential that the impacts to fishery resources be carefully considered in the review of this proposal.

The Minister's decision, as well as all information pertaining to the NIRB's Review of this project proposal is available online from the Board's public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/13UN006-QEC%20IQALUIT%20HYDRO/>.

Please be advised that the NIRB will be issuing correspondence to all parties within the coming days outlining the next steps in the Board's Review of the Iqaluit Hydroelectric project proposal, including anticipated timelines and opportunities for public engagement.

In closing, the Board requests that all parties review the attached Iqaluit Hydroelectric project distribution list (Appendix A) and notify the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at (867) 983-2594 should any additions or changes be required.

Should you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Iqaluit Hydroelectric project proposal, please contact Jaswir Dhillon, Technical Advisor, at [jdhillon@nirb.ca](mailto:jdhillon@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4609.

Sincerely,



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Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources  
Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Attachment: Appendix A: Distribution List for the NIRB's Review of the Iqaluit Hydroelectric project

Enclosure: Minister of AANDC Decision Re: QEC's Iqaluit Hydroelectric project proposal, NIRB File No. 13UN006 (July 5, 2013)

**APPENDIX A**  
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