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"Dear Philippe:

As requested, I have prepared a first draft of possible EIS guidelines for the environmental review of the

Bathurst Inlet Road and Port Project. This draft is loosely based on a number of other guidelines which were developed for similar projects. I understand that the two boards want to proceed together, however you should work out the details yourself with NIRB so that the EIS guidelines are clear as to who does what, why, how, and when. As my background is in environmental impact assessment, I have not spent too much time on the information requirements for the water board to issue eventually a water licence after the completion of the environmental assessment. What is listed is usually the type of information that would normally be required for the EA, at least under CEAA. As I said, this is a first draft that will necessarily need to go through public review and scrutiny before it can be finalized by the Boards. So far,

I have spent about 20 hours on this draft. The guidelines require a lot more work before they can be sent out for scoping, but I don't think I can do more without more input from you and NIRB. Also, I find the project description and application that I reviewed absolutely deficient, and it is difficult to get a sense of the project and provide more detailed guidelines, at least from a water board perspective, without more information the water-related components of the project or at least on all water crossings, at the local and regional (watershed and sub-watershed) level. Let me know how I can be of additional help, and hopefully this first draft will trigger some reflection.

Regards,
Bruno Desbois"

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