

the **BATHURST INLET**  
**PORT AND ROAD PROJECT**

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January 14, 2003

Mr. Thomas Kudloo, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Kudloo:

**RE: REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND STATUS OF THE IZOK PROJECT**

The attached letter from Inmet Mining Corporation confirms the current status of the Izok Project. It is also the basis for the recent change of scope to the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project announced by our letter to you dated 27 November 2002 and further detailed in our letter of December 18, 2002 to Mr. C. McLean at DIAND.

The Project proponents believe there is still ample justification for the Project to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to proceed through the Environmental Review process. We hope that Minister Nault will refer the Project to the Nunavut Impact Review Board as soon as possible, in order that guidelines for a Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project EIS can be issued in the near future.

Yours truly,

the **BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD PROJECT**



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Dear Mr. Hempenstall,

In light of the uncertainty of the timeline of the Bathurst Road and Port Project and the current depressed metal price environment, we have decided to defer further investment in the Izok Project in 2003. As a result, we do not anticipate filing a Project Description for Izok in 2003.

We continue to believe that a port on Bathurst Inlet and an all-weather road to Contwayto Lake will remove a significant barrier to the future development of a viable and sustainable mining industry in Nunavut. It is not unrealistic to expect that Izok could become a major user of this infrastructure.

We would be pleased to continue to assist the Road and Port Project as part of the Technical Committee and stay informed of your efforts to advance this very important project.

Yours truly,

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