

the **BATHURST INLET**
PORT AND ROAD PROJECT

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Mr. Thomas Kudloo, Chair
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Mr. Kudloo:

RE: BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD PROJECT

Attached is a copy of the revised Project Description for the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project. In Appendix 4 you will find a revised Application for water use that will be required for construction and operations of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project. The \$30.00 application fee was submitted previously with the original application. An electronic copy will be sent to you within a few days.

This revised project description was requested by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and by the Nunavut Impact Review Board in their letters of April 10 and April 14, 2003.

The revised Project consists of a port on Bathurst Inlet connected to the mines and mineral deposits in Nunavut and Northwest Territories by a new 211 km all-weather road to Contwoyo Lake, and the existing "Tibbitt to Contwoyo" winter road. The Project will also supply fuel and cargo to the Kitikmeot communities by tug and barge from the port on Bathurst Inlet.

The Project proponents are the Kitikmeot Corporation and Nuna Logistics Limited, both Inuit owned companies, who have formed a Joint Venture Corporation to build and operate the Project. As a shareholder in Nuna Logistics, the Kitikmeot Corporation will own 62.75% of the Project. Kitikmeot Corporation is wholly owned by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, a Designated Inuit Organization as defined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

This Project Description is submitted to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, as the landowners in the Project area, and the Nunavut Water Board for an environmental review under the NLCA, Article 12 Part 5. The Project lies entirely within Nunavut and so we expect that it will be examined by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in the manner set out in the NLCA.

If there are any questions regarding the Project or Project Description, please contact Tony Keen at 604-682-4667 or Ben Hubert at 403-256-0017.

Yours truly,

THE BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD PROJECT JOINT VENTURE LTD.


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Chairman


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