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Subject: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project ("BIPAR")

Dear Mr. Keen,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is aware that a June 28, 2004 CBC news brief ("Proposed Bathurst Port Sparks Concerns") reported that the NWB expressed concerns, during a scoping meeting in Cambridge Bay, about the potential environmental impact of fuel spills at the port or in the marine shipping path.

These comments were reportedly made by Patrick Duxbury, a resident of Cambridge Bay who introduced himself as an employee of the NWB. While Mr. Duxbury indeed works for the NWB as the Reclamation Coordinator for the Polaris and Nanisivik mines, he made these comments as a private citizen, and in the broader context of a scoping session hosted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB"), the purpose of which is for interested persons to have an initial discussion of possible environmental impacts of a project and to define the scope of its environmental review.

The NWB is an administrative tribunal responsible for the use, management and regulation of inland waters in Nunavut. For the record, the NWB does not endorse Mr. Duxbury's comments and has no concerns about the proposed project at this phase of its review. As per the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the NWB will conduct its own review of the BIPAR –which may include public hearings- in relation to the use of water and the disposal of waste into water after the completion of NIRB's environmental impact assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

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