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AND TO: DISTRIBUTION LIST

RE: Bathurst Inlet Port & Road (BIPAR) Scoping

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has asked that I write to update you on the Scoping Process.

On Tuesday, September 7, 2004, NIRB will be conducting its third and final scoping meeting, in the community of Kugluktuk. At this meeting, the Board in particular will be looking for comments from residents of Bathurst Inlet, Bay Chimo, Holman, and certain other participants from the N.W.T. who have expressed an interest in the project but were unable to attend the other venues due to location. A charter is being arranged to transport residents from these areas to Kugluktuk. Regarding the N.W.T. residents, the Board is particularly interested in hearing from them because NIRB's mandate (NLCA 12.2.2 (b)) and specific direction from the Minister is to assess regional and transboundary effects from this project proposal, which NIRB intends to do, and to scope broadly.

The Board also seeks further comments from those parties that require funding assistance and who will be seeking participant funding. To date, NIRB has received written requests for funding from Yellowknives Dene First Nations, NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, and the North Slave Metis Alliance. Interested parties should write to the Board with their requests for intervener funding and where possible, groups should consolidate submissions and pool resources. Funding requests should be as specific as possible, and should identify expenses such as:

- research salaries/wages
- information collection costs
- phone, fax, internet etc.
- experts' advice,
- travel and out of pocket expenses.

Expenses to be covered by intervener funding will be determined by the Minister, and he will make the final decision on this matter.

In summary, the Board will soon be conducting its third and final scoping meeting. Whether or not you attend this scoping meeting, you have the opportunity to write in any comments you have on the potential scope of this BIPAR project.

Final comments and requests for intervener funding must be received by NIRB on or before Friday September 10, 2004. The Board intends to issue its scoping decision by the deadline as originally planned, which is mid-September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (867) 983-4603.

Sincerely yours,



Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director

cc: Minister Scott