



TO: Proponent
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AND TO: BIPAR DISTRIBUTION LIST

October 1, 2004

Re: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPAR) Draft Guidelines for the preparation of the EIS

Dear Parties:

As you are aware, the above-cited project is being reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”). In situations where the NIRB determines, and the Minister agrees, that a review by the Board under Part 5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (“NLCA”) is necessary, NIRB also issues project specific guidelines to the proponent for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). Section 12.5.2 of the NLCA (which directs NIRB to issue guidelines) states: “It is the responsibility of the proponent to prepare an impact statement in accordance with any guidelines established by NIRB”.

The NIRB has completed the scoping process; a copy of the Public Scoping Report is enclosed. The NIRB is also issuing *draft guidelines* for review and consultation, and they are attached. In the development of these guidelines, the Board seeks from all parties and any interested members of the public your recommendations and guidance based on personal interests and values and/or expertise. The Board asks that if you have concerns please send recommended language and be specific in your recommendations for change.

To this end, we are now giving all interested persons and Parties the opportunity to review the draft document. Please provide your comments to the NIRB **on or before November 12, 2004 at 5:00 pm.** Final guidelines will be issued by NIRB on or before December 1, 2004.

Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact Carolanne Inglis (Hearing Coordinator, Cambridge Bay) at (867)983-4600, Tiffany Paul (Hearing Coordinator, Yellowknife) at (867) 873-4926 or the undersigned at (867) 983-4603

Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director

cc: Minister Scott

Enclosures: Public Scoping Report
Draft guidelines