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November 1, 2004

Re: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPAR) Community Consultation Process

Dear Parties:

As you are aware, the BIPAR project is being reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”). NIRB operates under the principle that public participation is an important element of an open and balanced environmental process. Therefore, further to the Scoping meetings of the BIPAR project which began in June 2004, NIRB continues to conduct community consultations. Upcoming visits by NIRB staff include:

- Interested parties in the community of Kugluktuk during the week of November 1-5;
- Bathurst Inlet during November 6-8, including Bay Chimo residents and possibly some residents from Contwoyo Lake area; and
- Ongoing consultation with interested parties in Cambridge Bay during the weeks of October 18-22 and November 8-12.

As time proceeds, we will be visiting other affected communities. NIRB’s consultation process includes providing public registry information about the BIPAR Project and subsequent procedural directions given by NIRB relevant to the next decision facing the Board. For example, since we are now visiting particular communities PRIOR to the establishment of the Final EIS Guidelines, we will be discussing both the Project in general **as well as** the process of finalizing the Final Guidelines. You will recall that the EIS is the key document that NIRB will examine in the upcoming hearings. When NIRB staff visits communities between the issuance of Final EIS Guidelines and the submission of the *draft* EIS, we will be discussing the Project in general as well as helping communities understand their important role in commenting on the

draft EIS. Every attempt will be made to visit all directly-affected communities, subject to budgetary restrictions.

Through this notice we are reminding you of your opportunity to review the *draft* guidelines. As a continued reminder, the NIRB *draft* guidelines are available to all interested persons and Parties for comment and can be obtained from the NIRB ftp site at: <http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/> or by contacting the NIRB head office. 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 around December 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Briscoe".

Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director