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BIPR Distribution List

Dear Parties,

As you are aware, on January 3, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received hard copies of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submission from Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Joint Venture Ltd. (the Proponent) for the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) project. The NIRB has commenced an internal assessment of the submission for conformity with the guidelines issued to the Proponent in December 2004. The Board anticipates issuance of an indication on the acceptability of the DEIS submission by **January 22, 2008**.

On January 2, 2008 the NIRB received email correspondence from the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Committee (BIPRC), requesting an update on the status of previous intervener funding applications and outlining concerns regarding Parties' abilities to adequately participate in the technical review period for the Part 5 Review of the BIPR project. Owing to the significant lapse of time since this Review was last active, the NIRB is asking all Parties who had previously applied for Intervenor Funding to update the status of their intervener funding application and revised budget to the NIRB by **January 28, 2008**. Please be advised that all submissions must follow the attached *NWB-NIRB Participant Funding Guide*. To accommodate the time required to resolve the intervener funding issue, it is the intention of the NIRB to extend the duration of the review period accordingly.

By way of copy on this correspondence, the NIRB would like to take this opportunity to provide the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada with an update on the current status of the intervener funding requests related to the Part 5 Review for the BIPR project.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Barry, NIRB Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4608 or via email rbarry@nirb.ca

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of INAC

Attach: NWB-NIRB Participant Funding Guide