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Re: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Conformity Assessment

Dear Ms. Payette,

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to identify any concerns regarding the acceptance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) Project.

On January 3, 2008, INAC received digital copies of the DEIS submission from Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Joint Venture Ltd. (the proponent) for the BIPR project. INAC has begun a review of the document, and as per the January 21, 2008 letter to the BIPR Distribution List, is in agreement with the NIRB's determination that the DEIS conforms to guidelines issued to the proponent in December 2004.

INAC supports the NIRB's decision to delay the start of the technical review period in order to allow intervener funding to be determined. Additionally, in order to move forward with the technical review of the BIPR project, INAC would like to emphasize the importance of having hard copies of the DEIS in order to better facilitate the review process. In a letter to Nuna Logistics Limited dated January 7, 2008, INAC formally requested five hard copies, and are still awaiting their arrival. Once the technical review period does commence, INAC respectfully requests that the NIRB consider granting a minimum of ninety (90) days for the technical review of the DEIS in order to allow interveners sufficient time to complete a thorough and comprehensive review of the information.

INAC looks forward to working with NIRB on the review of the BIPR Project. Should you have questions or need clarification, please contact Sara Holzman via e-mail at holzmans@inac.gc.ca or via telephone at (867) 975-4288.



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Sincerely,

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