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To: BIPR Distribution List

Re: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Part 5 Review Information Sessions

Dear Parties,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) operates under the principle that public participation is an important element of an open and balanced environmental assessment process. It is NIRB's goal to encourage public participation in all stages of the review process (see Guide 6a: *Guide to NIRB's Public Awareness and Participation Programs: The Review Process*, available online at <http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/>).

For projects undergoing a review, the NIRB facilitates information sessions for the public to ensure they are aware of the NIRB review process, the project, and any relevant correspondence relating to the project. To this end, the NIRB will be hosting information sessions pertaining to the Part 5 review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) project at the following locations:

Monday, March 10, 2008

Kugluktuk Complex, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Cambridge Bay Arctic Islands Lodge, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Gjoa Haven Community Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ulukhaktok Community Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, March 14, 2008

Taloyoak Community Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Kugaaruk Community Hall 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday, March 17, 2008

Umingmaktok, location TBA, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bathurst Inlet, location TBA, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Although the sessions are primarily for local residents of the potentially affected communities, the NIRB welcomes all Parties to attend these information sessions. The NIRB recognizes the difficulty some parties may have attending sessions due to the logistics involved. However, following the information sessions, NIRB will prepare a report which outlines:

- the dates, times and locations of the sessions
- the methods of advertising
- the information disseminated

- a general overview of comments and themes discussed by the public at the sessions.

The report will be distributed via email to this distribution list and will also be available for download from the NIRB ftp site. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4608 or toll free at 1-866-233-3033 or via email rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

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