



March 23, 2008

BIPR Distribution List

Re: Information Requests for the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project

Dear BIPR Distribution List:

On February 19, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) requested submission of all Information Requests (IRs) related to the Part 5 NLCA review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) Project from Interested Parties by March 20, 2008. To date the NIRB has received IR submissions from the following Parties:

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
 - 53 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Environment Canada (EC)
 - 12 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Health Canada (HC)
 - 6 IRs received March 19, 2008
- Transport Canada (TC)
 - 3 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
 - 9 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
 - 28 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
 - 49 IRs received March 20, 2008
- Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC)
 - 3 IRs received March 20, 2008
- North Slave Métis Alliance
 - 17 IRs received March 20, 2008

The NIRB is currently undertaking an initial review of all information requested by Parties to ensure each request meets established criteria and is appropriate for this stage in the impact assessment process. On **Tuesday, March 25 2008** the Board will forward all relevant IRs to the appropriate Parties and request a timeline for their response. All Information Requests will also be made available on the NIRB ftp site for public viewing under the following link:

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_REVIEWS/CURRENT_REVIEWS/03UN114-BIPAR_PROJECT/02-REVIEW/08-CONFORMITY%20TECH%20REVIEW/02-INFORMATION%20REQUESTS/

The NIRB acknowledges the difficulty faced by certain Intervenors wishing to submit IRs, still without access to Intervenor Funding. The Board remains committed to ensuring these Parties are provided with an opportunity to formulate and submit IRs once the issue of Intervenor Funding has been resolved. The NIRB intends to extend the timeline to ensure IRs submitted by these Intervenors are still forwarded to appropriate Parties for response – pending NIRB review of each IR's conformity with the established

criteria. In the meantime, these Intervenors should review existing IRs so as not to submit duplicate requests.

The NIRB had been hoping to receive correspondence from the Minister announcing a schedule for the funding of qualified Intervenors as determined by a committee established for this purpose. We still believe the letter is coming but respect the Minister's busy schedule. More information regarding the opportunities to submit IRs later in the process will follow upon the hopeful announcement by the Minister regarding Intervenor Funding.

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

Sincerely,



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