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Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

On February 19th the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the Board) forwarded to the Minister six applications from parties requesting funding to participate in the review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project (the Project). The Department proceeded with reviewing these applications in accordance with the process described in the *Nunavut Water Board and Nunavut Impact Review Board Participant Funding Guide* (the Guide). As such, an Independent Funding Review Committee (the Funding Committee), selected by the Board, was established to examine the six applications received for the environmental review of the Project.

On April 24th I received a report with recommendations from the Funding Committee. In its review, the Funding Committee determined that one applicant was not eligible for funding. It determined that Bathurst Inlet Developments is a "for profit" commercial enterprise; and thereby ineligible under the criteria identified in the Guide. The remaining five applicants were determined to be eligible for funding. Having reviewed the report I would now like to advise you I am awarding these five parties the following amounts:

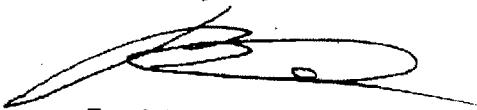
1. Yellowknives Dene First Nation: \$80,750
2. North Slave Métis Alliance: \$48,300
3. Canadian Arctic Resources Committee: \$70,073
4. Bathurst Inlet Road and Port Committee: \$104,000
5. Joint Secretariat (Ulukhaktok Hunter's & Trappers Association and Inuvialuit Game Council): \$37,250.

This funding is contingent on each party being able to enter into and meet the requirements of a contribution funding agreement with the Department. The central point of contact for these agreements will be Robyn Abernethy-Gillis in the Nunavut Regional Office. She can be reached at (867) 975-4549 or AbernethyGillisR@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

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In closing, I would like to thank the Board and the Funding Committee for its role in ensuring these parties have the meaningful opportunity to bring important information to the review of the Project. I expect this information will benefit the Board's report and the Minister's subsequent decision-making with respect to this Project.

Sincerely,



Patrick Borbey
ADM, Northern Affairs Organization

cc. Chief Ed Sangris and Chief Fred Sangris, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Ms. Sheryl Grieve, North Slave Métis Alliance
Mr. David Gladders, Canadian Arctic Resources Committee
Mr. Boyd Warner, Bathurst Inlet Developments
Ms. Connie Kapolak, Bathurst Inlet Road and Port Committee
Ms. Christine Inglangasuk, Joint Secretariat