



NIRB File No. 03UN114

June 29, 2009

To: BIPR Distribution List

Via email

Re: **Update from Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) Joint Venture Ltd. on the BIPR project**

Dear Parties:

On November 25, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) granted a request from Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) Joint Venture Ltd. (the Proponent) to suspend further technical review of the BIPR project proposal (NIRB File No. 03UN114) until the project's schedule and the schedule of its potential users could be reassessed by the Proponent in 2009. NIRB indicated in its response that a formal submission from the Proponent which addresses technical review comments and all outstanding Information Requests (IRs) would be a prerequisite for re-engaging NIRB's Part 5 Review process and subsequent scheduling of any Technical Meeting or Pre-Hearing Conference.

On June 18, 2009 NIRB wrote to the Proponent, requesting a written update regarding the current status of the BIPR project, with an approximate timeline for submission of an IR response package and re-engagement of the Part 5 Review process. On June 26, 2009 the Board received a written response from the Proponent (attached), requesting further suspension of the Part 5 Review process until "owners of the affected projects can thoroughly evaluate their respective properties". The Proponent anticipates providing a further update on the Project status in early 2010, with submission of an IR response package to NIRB expected after data collection in the 2010 field season.

As the Board considers the Proponent's current suspension request, NIRB would also like to hear from parties regarding any comments, concerns or pertinent issues that should also be taken into account during its consideration. In particular, NIRB respectfully requests an update from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regarding the current status of intervenor funding agreements for this review, and how these agreements might be affected by further suspension. Please submit comments directly to the Board by **July 20, 2009.**

Please direct all comment submissions to the attention of Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, at info@nirb.ca, or via fax at (867) 983-2594. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at rbarry@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4608.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barry
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Grant Pearson, BIPR (grantp@nunalogistics.com)

Attachment: Letter from BIPR Joint Venture Ltd. to NIRB (June 26, 2009)

June 26, 2009

Delivered via Email: info@nirb.ca

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Dear Ms. Payette:

**RE: Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project Status Update
Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) File Number 03UN114**

In response to NIRB's letter of June 18, 2009 we are pleased to provide an update to the status of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project (BIPR) technical review.

As you may be aware, there have been changes in ownership structure affecting some of the projects that will be users of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road.

We respectfully request that the suspension of the review process continue until the Owners of the affected projects can thoroughly evaluate their respective properties. The Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Joint Venture Ltd. expect to provide an update to the project status in early 2010 at which time we intend to make additional funding requests. Moving forward we will focus on collecting data during the 2010 field season in preparation for submitting a formal response to technical review comments and outstanding Information Requests.

We are appreciative of the time and notice required for NIRB and all other parties participating in the review process to plan and allocate resources effectively, and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Yours truly,

BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD JOINT VENTURE LTD.

per:



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