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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

Thank you for bringing to my attention the request of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Joint Venture Ltd. (Proponent) to further suspend the technical review of its Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project. The request calls for a continuation of a previous suspension requested by the Proponent on November 25, 2008 which was granted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (Board). I appreciate your concern respecting the implications of continued delays to the review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project and note your request for direction on the matter.

Prior to providing any direction to the Board regarding reasonable time frames, I suggest that the Board continue its suspension of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project review to give the Proponent an opportunity to provide an update on the project in early 2010. Should the Proponent seek to continue the suspension of the technical review, I would ask that the Board provide me with its perspectives regarding the implications of multiple suspensions to the review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project at that time.

I appreciate the work of the Nunavut Impact Review Board in the review of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project, and look forward to working with the Board on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl



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