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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

**SUBJECT: REVISED BATHURST INLET PORT AND ROAD
(BIPAR) PROPOSAL**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Revised Project Description.

Our initial review in May 2002 raised concerns regarding the completeness of the project description as it pertained to affected species and the lack of detail on anticipated environmental impacts. We still maintain the same position, however, we believe that the information provided is sufficient to determine the next step.

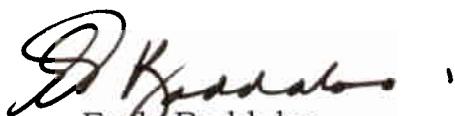
As indicated in our earlier correspondence, this proposal has raised concerns over impacts on the ecosystem {NLCA Section 12.4.2 (a)(i)} and by the public {NLCA Section 12.4.2 (a)(iii)}. As a result we would again indicate that the information provided supports a review as per Section 12.4.4 (b) of the NLCA.

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The Bathurst Road and Port Project is located solely within the Territorial Boundaries of Nunavut, and as a result, we would continue to recommend that it be reviewed under Part 5 of the NLCA. There is also a need for establishing clear and comprehensive guidelines, which will help towards a more accurate evaluation of this activity.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in this review. If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 975-5910.

Sincerely,



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