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QIKIQTAALUK CORPORATION

December 4, 2008

To : Don Carr
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RE: Road Repair and Bridge Construction between Clyde River and Cape Christian
Your file: 8BW-CLY---- application

Hi Don

We have reviewed all comments provided during the 30-day evaluation period and can provide the following information to ensure the application process can keep moving forward.

- 1) Qikiqtaaluk Corporation (QC) has proceeded with the required modifications to the spill plan as per recommendations from the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut, and from Environment Canada. Attached to this letter is the modified version of the spill contingency plan.
- 2) The locations of archaeological sites in the project area were well noted and QC's activities will be conducted far from such sites. Nonetheless, those two areas will be avoided as per the recommendations of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Government of Nunavut.
- 3) QC will implement the DFO's operational statement for the construction of a span free bridge. As such, QC has completed and returned to DFO the notification form for the clear span bridge operational statement.
- 4) QC has already initiated discussions with DFO regarding the fish habitat compensation and monitoring plans. The final design stamped by an Engineer registered with Napegg for culverts 2, 3, 5 and 8 will also be provided to DFO.
- 5) QC accepts to conduct basic water quality testing (pH, T, conductivity and Total suspended solids) upstream and downstream prior and after the bridge construction over the Clyde River, as per the recommendations of INAC, Water Resources Division.
- 6) It will not be feasible to use un-treated wood for the bridge decking, as un-treated wood will required excessive maintenance and also because the material was also purchased and shipped to Clyde River last fall in expectation all permits could be in place. Otherwise, it has been documented that creosote treated timber used for bridges has no significant impact on the immediate environment (see attached report on the topic).

We sincerely hope the above information will assist you in completing the application process and issue the Water Licence for this project QC is planning to start in June 2009. If you have any questions or requests, please communicate with me at (514)-940-3332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philippe Simon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philippe Simon, P.Eng., Ph.D.

cc : Harry Flaherty, project director