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Attn: James T. Arreak, Chief Executive Officer

*Delivered By Electronic Mail*

**Re: Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated response to Government of Canada Priority Expectations for a First Generation Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Dear James,

This letter is in response to your letter of May 21, 2013 regarding the above. The Commission thanks you for the constructive comments you've provided and looks forward to continuing the dialogue to resolve the remaining outstanding issues. In the meantime, I want to address a few points you raised in your letter.

In its May 21 letter Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) states that it generally agrees with the Government of Canada (GoC) submission. Please note that we have advised the GoC that there may be some inconsistencies between its expectations and the Commission's views at this time, based on what it has heard from other parties.

Similarly, NTI's long standing view that the Commission should whenever possible not apply access restriction to Inuit Owned Lands appears to conflict with feedback from recent community consultations held by the Commission in the Qikiqtani Region.

It is important to acknowledge that the Commission's work is incomplete and it will be very important as we move forward that all parties work to align expectations and seek mutually acceptable compromises.

NTI's submission suggests that the Commission's community consultation process is not "well developed" and that this concern needs to be addressed. Given the very extensive community and other consultations the Commission has undertaken, particularly in the last 8 months, I would ask that you provide details as to any shortcomings NTI has identified so that we may address them in the coming months.

You raise the issue of the funding necessary to implement the planning process. The Commission provided its Business Case outlining the cost of implementing the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to NTI, the GoC and GN on a number of occasions since June 2010. The Commission submits annual 'needs based funding proposals' to the GoC and it provides the details of the projects that cannot be implemented where funding is inadequate to meet the objectives set out in the NUPPAA Business Case and the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

In closing it is important to remember that the ITPR states that "all the Parties need to be more realistic about what can be achieved in the first iteration of the Nunavut land use plan" as we hold this as a principle to guide us through to March 2015.

Thank you again for your letter outlining NTI's expectations for the Nunavut Land Use Plan. We fully appreciate NTI's views and expectations and we look forward to "closing the gaps" among the various parties as we prepare the first generation Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Boyd', is positioned above the printed name.

Adrian Boyd  
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cc: Alain Greiner, A/RDG  
David Akeeagok, DM