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August 11, 2010

Adrian Boyd
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Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0

Via e-mail: aboyd@nunavut.ca

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Re: Working Draft Land Use Plan Materials

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 2010 announcing the Commission's release of the working draft Nunavut land use plan. Officials from participating federal departments are now in the process of reviewing your working draft materials. Representatives of the departments also met June 28-29th in Ottawa to discuss a shared and streamlined approach to coordinating the federal responses.

While we recognize that your Commission is at the early stage of plan development, several departments have noted key elements of the plan that do not yet accurately capture their previous submissions. Departments have also identified important mapping and technical issues that need to be addressed. Details of Canada's observations, as well as proposed solutions where appropriate, will be provided to the Commission through formal and constructive submissions that reflect a common voice, wherever possible.

Recognizing the scope of the work that we have undertaken, we will be unable to provide you with our submissions by the end of August, as you requested. However, we do commit to responding with submissions by all federal participating departments by September 30, 2010. These submissions will be as harmonized as possible. It is our hope that in providing the Commission with coordinated comments and information, we will all be better served in advancing the Nunavut land use plan to the next stage.

Please note that a response to the Commission's letter of June 18, 2010 is also forthcoming.

The Government of Canada remains committed to working with the Planning Commission, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and the Government of Nunavut to ensure that information provided to the Commission is complete, accurate, and adequately meets the requirements of the Commission as it works to develop a land use plan for the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

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Government of Canada departmental representatives (list enclosed)

Government of Canada Departmental Representatives who received the letter from Leslie Payette to Adrian Boyd dated August 11, 2010 regarding Canada's comments on the working draft land use plan:

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