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Okalik Eegeesiak, President
Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Iqaluit, Nunavut

Cathy Towntongie, President
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Iqaluit, Nunavut

Delivered by Electronic Mail

Re: Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) Article 40

Dear Okalik and Cathy,

During the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) community consultation the Commission met with both the Qikiqtani and Nunavik communities with interests in the NLCA Article 40 Jointly Owned Lands. Elected officials and residents specifically in Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, Sanikiluaq as well as Inuit in Nunavik all asked similar questions about the management of land and marine areas in the areas of equal use and occupancy. Questions asked are related to:

- allowable harvest levels
- development of the islands
- revenue sharing

During these workshops concerns were raised and a level of frustration shared regarding the time that has passed without resolution of the above questions which are outside the scope of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. Specific questions are related to: quotas and the “sharing of wildlife”; mineral development; husbandry of wildlife; sharing of revenues and what does 50/50 really mean?

The Commission advised these groups that it would pass on the concerns raised and encourage the appropriate groups to consult each other to address resource sharing issues and any protocols for sharing the land and wildlife located in these important areas.

Of course the Commission has opportunities to assist the groups with management of the land and marine areas through the inclusion of land use planning terms in the DNLUP. However the Commission recognizes that the specific questions being asked are best be addressed by the Designated Inuit Organization for Article 40 in the Qikiqtani Region. Both groups would benefit from an explanation of the NLCA obligations regarding: wildlife harvesting; land ownership; other benefits; management; mutual protection of rights and interests; and how these provisions of the NLCA are being implemented.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Quassa', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Quassa, Chairman

cc:

President Makivik Corporation
Mayors Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, Sanikiluaq, Salluit, Ivujivik
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