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amendment to proceed in a reasonable manner and I find this circumstance to be contrary to the spirit and intent of the NLCA.


I understand that public involvement was instrumental in the development of the NBRLUP, but in spite of this, and as evidenced by the May 6<sup>th</sup> letter to the NPC from the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, many community members feel that the NPC's recent conformity decision was made without their participation or consent. I am aware that the NLCA allows land use plan exemptions in Article 11.5 and I also understand that public participation could be captured through review of Phase II by the Nunavut Impact Review Board should an exemption be granted. However, like the NPC's conformity decision, the decision on exemption is made without the participation or consent of community members.

To this end, prior to making a decision on whether to exempt Phase II from the NBRLUP, I would invite both of you to attend a community meeting with me in Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) to discuss the NPC's decisions, the options for BIMC as presented by NPC in the negative conformity determination, and the concerns of the community as they relate to Phase II of the Mary River Project.

Finally, QIA notes on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development issued a letter to NIRB directing that the proposal for the Early Revenue Phase of the Mary River Project be reviewed pursuant to section 12.8.2 (b) of the NLCA. In this letter, the Minister called for an "expeditious and thorough" reconsideration of Project Certificate No. 5. In keeping with the spirit of the NLCA, I expect that any formal assessment of the proposed Phase II Project be clearly weighted towards a thorough review, rather than an expeditious one, especially if Phase II is granted exemption from the conditions of the NBRLUP. The Phase II Project presents a significant alteration to current Project plans and will require extensive review and consideration prior to formal decisions.

I will make myself available to both of you to further discuss these issues, and will work to accommodate your respective schedules in arranging the community meeting I've proposed.

I look forward to your response,

  
P.J. Akeegagok,  
President





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