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BY E-MAIL

Re: Working Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Review

I am writing in regard to the Government of Nunavut's review of the Nunavut Planning Commission's (NPC) working draft of the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP). We are currently in the process of conducting a streamlined GN-wide review of the materials and will be providing a consolidated GN response to the NPC. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet the NPC's deadline of August 27, 2010. We are conducting our review as efficiently as possible and anticipate our final comments will be submitted to the NPC by October 29, 2010.

I recognize that our delay will affect the NPC's timeline, but the Nunavut Land Use Plan will significantly affect Nunavut's entire regulatory system, and is intended to guide and direct resource development across the whole territory. Because this plan is such a fundamental tool, we want to provide the Commission with comprehensive comments.

Your staff has assisted us greatly by recently providing a host of supporting documentation on the plan development process, the consultation record and the inventory of collected data. We are using this material to conduct a thorough review of the plan. This information is allowing us to review the plan using the established principles agreed upon by the GN and the Commission in 2007 – the "*Nunavut Planning Commission Broad Policies Objectives and Goals*" document. We are also conducting a gap analysis in order to provide a complete package of data and information to assist the NPC in filling any outstanding gaps.

I therefore ask for the NPC's understanding and patience while we complete our review before closing the review period for the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. We feel

the results of this review will greatly assist the NPC in completing a draft plan that will serve as a valuable tool to guide effective public consultation and eventually lead to a better final Plan which will have the support of the public and of the government.

Let me conclude by restating the GN's commitment to this process and our continued interest in supporting the NPC in the completion of the Nunavut Land Use Plan with regional components in a timely manner by striving for consensus between the Four Parties on the land use issues to be addressed in the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,



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