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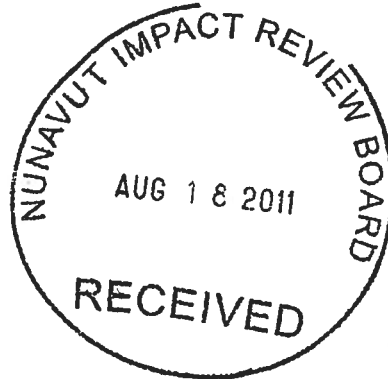
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Mr. Ross Tatty
Chairman
Kivalliq Wildlife Board
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Dear Mr. Tatty:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2011, outlining your concerns with the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Screening Decision Report for Agnico-Eagle Mines All-Weather Road.

In regards to the All-Weather Road project proposal, my decision must be taken in accordance with Section 12.4.8 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement which directs me to return the proposal to the proponent for clarification and resubmission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

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I want to assure you that the Hunters and Trappers Organizations' concerns are always taken fully into consideration when a proposed project is undergoing environmental assessment. I recognize the importance of growth in exploration and development in Nunavut, and our government is committed to developing Canada's resources in order to bring economic well-being and prosperity to Northerners.

Sincerely,



Janet King
Assistant Deputy Minister
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