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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

The Honourable John Duncan has asked me to reply to your letter of February 27, 2012, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on the land use application for Biogenie's "FOX-3, Dewar Lakes – Site Demobilization" Project Proposal, Baffin, Nunavut (NIRB 12DA002, AANDC N2011X0030).

Under Article 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Nunavut Impact Review Board is required to advise the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development of its screening decision on project proposals. As indicated in your letter, the Nunavut Impact Review Board has determined that this project proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has also recommended terms and conditions that may be attached to regulatory approvals for the project. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

In order to expedite the issuance of regulatory authorizations, it is important that the appropriate regulatory authorities are advised of the Nunavut Impact Review Board screening decisions. For this reason, I appreciate your efforts to copy the Land Administration Unit of the Department's Nunavut regional office on this and other screening decisions.

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