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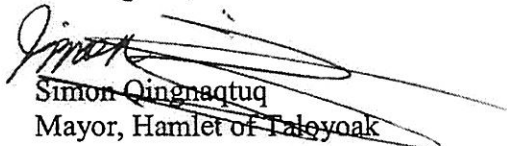
To:
Trevor Bell
SmartICE

Re: Hamlet Council Letter of Support

Greetings Trevor Bell,

This letter is response to the request you had made for a letter of support from the Hamlet Council of Taloyoak. The Hamlet Council by way of motion has agreed to support the SmartICE program to occur around and in between Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven. We look forward to the program and thank you for showing interest in our community as it would combine IQ and modern technology to provide safer travel for everyone travelling by snowmobile.

Best regards,


Simon Qingnaqtuq
Mayor, Hamlet of Taloyoak

Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association

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February 22, 2019

To: SmartICE projects,

This is a letter on behalf of the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Board of Directors to support the SmartICE project in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. The EDO of Taloyoak, Peter Aqqaq has been consulting the SBHTA board and community of Taloyoak through while working on this plan.

We will continue to work with the management plan throughout the coming years to insure the safety and abundance of wildlife for generations to come and past on tradition.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely

Jimmy Oleekatalik,
Manager, SBHTA

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February 25, 2019

Nunavut General Monitoring Plan (NGMP) Secretariat
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Nunavut Regional Office
P.O. Box 2200
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Re: Support Letter – SmartICE.

To who it may concern:

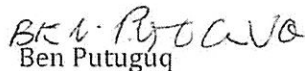
With respect to the letter, Project Title: **Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut.**

Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Association would like to express their full support to this project to enhance the climate change challenge, to educate the youth of weather and ice conditions we are encountering each year due to climate change, transportation and activities.

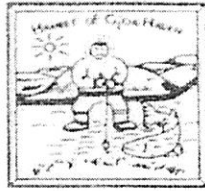
Not only will this project help people of the north it will also educate other stake holders, researchers, search and rescue operations, commercial fishing operations and other organizations should also be aware of climate change for their work involving ice condition travels.

Should you require further information regarding this support letter please do not hesitate to contact HTA office at the numbers provide above.

Sincerely



Ben Putuguq
Chairman
Hunters and Trappers Association
Gjoa Haven



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RE: *Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut*

The Hamlet of Gjoa Haven is most appreciative of this opportunity to work with SmartICE and our neighbouring community of Taloyok towards addressing issues consistently raised about sea-ice safety.

The communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak have been aware of SmartICE for several years through media stories and the Arctic Inspiration Prize award. The challenges Arctic climate change is causing landfast sea ice to be thinner, form later and break up earlier than before, resulting in increasingly dangerous over-ice travel between our two communities. As our community members use sea ice to access country foods, participate in economic activities, and maintain cultural and family practices, increased risk or fear of travelling on the ice has serious repercussions for food security, sustainable livelihoods and physical and mental health.

The Hamlet of Gjoa Haven is excited to support this project and to collaboratively work with our neighbour community of Taloyoak as co-projects leaders and SmartICE to build and grow their sea-ice monitoring and information services and employ and engage our youth in this project, if approved by the Nunavut General Monitoring Plan (NGMP) Secretariat. Thank you.

Your sincerely,

Joanni Sallerina
Mayor

SMARTICE

Sea Ice Monitoring and Information Inc.

February 26, 2019

Re; Support for Gjoa Haven and Talotoak Application to the NGMP

Dear Connie,

I am writing to confirm the support of SmartICE in your application to the Nunavut General Monitoring Plan.

SmartICE is an award-winning technological innovation for the North. We are the world's first climate change adaptation tool to integrate traditional knowledge of sea ice with advanced data acquisition and remote monitoring technology. Our system combines these approaches to provide invaluable, data-driven insights into sea-ice thickness and local ice conditions, in near real-time. We embrace a business model, not for profit – social enterprise, that aims to expand opportunities for economic and social development in northern markets while preserving local cultures and lifestyles.

The SmartICE information system directly benefits public safety, food security, and health and wellbeing. In addition, SmartICE enables and supports economic activities for communities and industries alike. For example, winter shipping (icebreaking), ice-based fisheries and tourism, environmental monitoring and emergency response (search and rescue) are typically carried out in the landfast ice zone where SmartICE units are deployed. SmartICE services therefore reduce risk and improve performance especially during highly dynamic freeze-up and break-up periods.

SmartICE is pleased to work with the communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak and together do this very important work. I look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Thank you,



Carolann Harding

Executive Director



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