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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,

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Mayor