

of the 2019 Report will be ready no later than mid-June for distribution to AEM and the other TAG members, though our technical experts are endeavouring to finish it as soon as possible.

As the participants to the impact assessment process are aware, the GN must file this 2019 Report with the NIRB no later than July 26, 2019. This means that AEM and the other TAG members will have a month to provide technical commentary and feedback on the analysis. The timeline also ensures that all participants in the impact assessment may use the 2019 Report in their submissions to the NIRB. The GN would share the 2019 Report with AEM in advance of other parties were it not for the NIRB's July deadline for final written submissions.

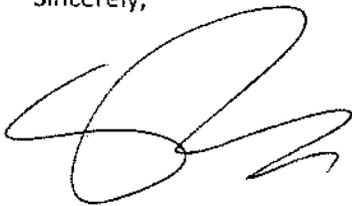
Additionally, it is vital that all interested parties are made aware of these updated analysis, once available, so that sound and precautionary mitigation and monitoring plans may be developed; this 2019 Report may help inform AEM's Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring Plan to minimize Project road impacts to barren ground caribou.

The TAG—with membership from the Kivalliq Inuit Association, the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization, the GN, and AEM—remains the ideal forum to review new iterations of this Caribou Road Movement Analysis report. Again, the GN confirms that no new iteration or new conclusions about the analysis have been shared outside the TAG. The TAG is facilitated by AEM and its purpose is to review Project effects analyses, and provide on-going support and advice regarding monitoring and mitigation measures. AEM tasked the GN with providing a Caribou Road Movement Analysis update at the January 15-16, 2019 TAG meeting, as reflected in the minutes of that meeting. The GN has and will continue to provide report status updates.

The AEM-GN Research Memorandum of Understanding outlines a vision for collaboration, particularly pertaining to the collection and sharing of collar data. The GN reiterates its commitment to collaborating with AEM on research projects as appropriate and beneficial to the GN and AEM.

Thank you for this opportunity to clarify the GN's progress on the 2019 Report. The GN looks forward to discussing the report and its preliminary conclusions with AEM.

Sincerely,



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