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**Re: Follow-Up Support for Comments on Revised Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines**

Dear Ms. Filiatrault,

I am writing to follow up on our previous correspondence dated June 14, 2024, regarding the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) Revised Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines (the "Guidelines"). We appreciate the extension of the comment period and the opportunity to provide further input.

On behalf of the Chamber of Mines, I wish to reiterate our support for the detailed comments submitted by Chamber Members. Their feedback, which we endorsed, is a critical component of our collective effort to refine and enhance the Guidelines.

Observations, as detailed in their submission, include:

1. **Overall Guidelines:** Recognition that while the Guidelines are largely effective, there is room for refinement to ensure alignment with best practices and to facilitate efficient project assessments.
2. **Definitions:** The need for clearer definitions of terms such as "holistic," "ecosystem approach," and "Inuit lens" to reduce ambiguity and improve the quality of project applications.
3. **Engagement:** The importance of clearer guidance on the integration of various types of knowledge and expectations for community engagement to enhance transparency and effectiveness.

We also support the request for an opportunity to review the next draft of the Guidelines before finalization. This additional review will ensure that all stakeholder feedback is considered, contributing to a more robust and effective set of Guidelines.


We believe these refinements are essential to maintaining Nunavut's attractiveness as an investment destination and ensuring that the NIRB's assessment process continues to be a leading example in environmental review practices.

Thank you for considering these important contributions. We look forward to further opportunities to review and provide feedback on future revisions of the draft Guidelines.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours truly,

**NWT & NUNAVUT CHAMBER OF MINES**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hudson Lester', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hudson Lester

General Mager - Nunavut, NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines