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Comité consultatif de l'environnement Kativik
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL
HELD ON MAY 4, 2010**

(APPROVED)

Present:

Claude Abel, Government of Canada appointee
Gilles H. Tremblay, Government of Canada appointee
James Yantha, Government of Canada appointee
Michael Barrett, Kativik Regional Government appointee
Sylvie Létourneau, Québec government appointee
Jean Couture, Québec government appointee
Paule Halley, Québec government appointee

Absent:

Adamie Kalingo, Kativik Regional Government appointee
Charlie Arngak, Kativik Regional Government appointee
Stéphanie Benoit, Executive Secretary

The conference call opened at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2010, and the agenda was adopted as follows:

1. Bill No. 89: *Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to Reinforce Compliance*
 2. Draft *Regulation respecting the Charges Payable for the Use of Water*
 3. *Plan Nord*: follow-up to the 123rd meeting
 4. Date and place of the next meeting
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1. The bill aims to reinforce compliance with the act by introducing new administrative sanctions and increase penal sanctions. The members discussed whether or not the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) should provide feedback. A member will analyze the bill to determine if it has any impact on the North.
 2. The members reviewed the draft *Regulation respecting the Charges Payable for the Use of Water* and discussed possible impacts on the Northern villages. A member will determine if the KEAC should provide feedback.
 3. Regarding the *Plan Nord* project, the members discussed possible actions to be taken while, at the same time, the role of the KEAC is still unknown. The members discussed the preparation of a letter to be transmitted to Christian Dubois (Deputy Minister for the *Plan Nord* and Land). In addition to emphasizing the KEAC's desire to be involved in the *Plan Nord* project, the letter should deal with the following points: the importance of diffusing information about the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement*, Section 23 of the Agreement and the KEAC, in the event that the KEAC is involved more actively on a related working group or committee. It was agreed that the members would transmit their concerns regarding the *Plan Nord* project to the individual responsible for drafting the letter.

4. The members discussed possible locations for the 124th meeting: Kuujjuarapik or Kangirsuk. Kuujjuarapik was to be given priority. Based on the work already completed by the Executive Secretary, the Chairperson will verify the availability of rooms at the cooperative hotels.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stéphanie Benoit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Stéphanie Benoit
Executive Secretary
June 15, 2010