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SUBJECT: Modernisation of the environmental and social protection regime and the review of the Schedules in Section 23 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

Dear Mr. Delisle-Alaku and Mr. Beauchesne,

In accordance with the mandate of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) established under Section 23 of the JBNQA, the KEAC has for several decades addressed the issue of modernising the environmental and social protection regime for Nunavik. An important step towards this modernisation is the review of Schedules 1 and 2 of Section 23, a practice already stipulated by the JBNQA. Indeed, paragraphs 23.3.12 and 23.3.13 of the Agreement make provisions for the periodic review, update or modification of these schedules in accordance with mutual consent of the interested parties and in light of the technological progress and the knowledge acquired in the application of the assessment and review process since the signing of the JBNQA in 1975.

In September 2013, on Quebec's initiative, a technical working group comprised of representatives from Makivik Corporation, the Kativik Regional Government and the MDDELCC was implemented to undertake the review of the Section 23 Schedules. It is our understanding that discussions on this review have taken place and that some progress was achieved. However, it seems that since 2015, the working group's activities have stalled and no longer contribute towards the advancement of this file. As the review of the Schedules in Section 23 is essential for ensuring the future integrity of the environmental and social protection regime of Nunavik, the KEAC would like to obtain additional information regarding the signatories of the JBNQA's intentions towards this revision and their expected work-plan moving forward. The KEAC strongly encourages the concerned parties to continue their efforts in this review exercise.

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You will find hereby enclosed a copy of our 2009 brief titled KEAC Position Paper on Strengthening the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Review Procedure in Nunavik which demonstrates the KEAC's recommendations and suggests courses of action on this matter.
Sincerely,
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cc. Ron Hallman, Federal Administrator of Section 23 of the JBNQA
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