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RE: National Energy Board's Process update for the MKI NorthEastern Canada 2D Seismic Survey Comment period.

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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) would like to request an extension for the proposed comment period due today, May 3, 2013. It is QIA's understanding that the NEB has not visited Pangnirtung as part of the current hearing process (April 29-May2) and have not to date as part of the overall Environmental Assessment of the project. QIA will send letters to Hunters and Trappers Organizations and Community Lands and Resources committees from all affected communities for comment and feedback.

QIA also notes that the proponent is scheduled to discuss the benefits plan with the communities in May or June. QIA has not seen the benefits plan and is requesting Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated interact and participate in the negotiations of the Canada Benefits Plan. The preferred format should be similar to Schedule 26.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement under which matters to be negotiated are identified.

QIA has been involved with Aborginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) Oil and Gas Directorate to look at a potential Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the opening up of Baffin Bay and Davis strait to Oil and Gas leasing. AANDC could not commit to conduct the SEA until the April Budget. QIA sees this process as very important to inform and educate Inuit on Oil and Gas development. This process would gather Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit along with scientific information to help identify concerns and propose steps to mitigate possible negative effects. QIA is contacting AANDC to determine the status.

QIA recognizes that this project has raised enough community concerns that warrant a full QIA board discussion and resolution before rendering a decision on whether the project should proceed or require further modifications of project design.



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QIA requests an extension on final comments until June 17, as we gather community comments and concerns from those directly affected which should take approximately 3 weeks and with the impending QIA board meeting in the near future.

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