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**RE: Land Use Permit Application Bathurst Inlet Developments – Road Access
and Camp, Matthews Lake MV2009X0028**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) - Contaminant and Remediation Directorate (CARD) has reviewed the above application for a Land Use Permit submitted by Bathurst Inlet Developments in the area of Matthews Lake, Northwest Territories.

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board has issued a Type A Land Use Permit (MV2009X0019) and Water License (MV2009L8-0008) to CARD for the Phase II remediation of the Tundra Mine site. The remediation of the Tundra mine will start in July 2010 and is expected to finish in March 2015. The Tundra remediation will be carried out in the same area as the above application and includes activities in the area of the airstrip located on Sandy Lake.

The scope of the planned activities is unclear in the Bathurst application making it difficult to assess how these activities will impact the Tundra remediation. CARD is particularly concerned about the use of the airstrip and notes that our permit does involve the use of borrow material near Sandy Lake around the airstrip area, which is the same location that the Bathurst application is proposing the location of a camp and fuel storage area. During the development of the borrow areas there will be heavy machinery and vehicles using the area, therefore there are safety concerns if people will be using a camp in the same location.

CARD notes that the following is unclear and requests additional information:

- Timing and anticipated number of people using the camp located on the airstrip
- Anticipated frequency and use of the airstrip by aircraft
- Anticipated frequency of traffic on the existing roads and winter road

CARD has been working closely with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to ensure that aquatic health is appropriately monitored in the area during the Phase II remediation. We have also been consulting DFO on potential impacts from the Tundra remediation activities to the Fish Habitat Restoration Projects in the Matthews Lake area. DFO have also expressed concerns that the increased activities in the area could impact habitat restoration areas, in particular the Sandy Lake crossing near the airstrip.

To avoid the concerns stated above, CARD recommends that additional information be submitted to the MVLWB to allow CARD to assess the nature of the project and its potential to impact remediation of the Tundra mine site.

If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to call me.

Regards,

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