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Indigenous groups to be involved in the development of water quality objectives for the development.

KIA notes the conclusion drawn by MVEIRB about wildlife impacts. We also note and echo the significant concerns raised by Indigenous interveners in this EA about the status of the Bathurst Caribou herd. Kitikmeot Inuit have been involved in the development of the Bathurst Caribou Range Plan. Wildlife management authorities in both territories have, or are taking steps to eliminate Indigenous harvesting of this herd.

KIA urges Ministers to insist on great caution in the implementation of this development so as to ensure that no effects, including no additional cumulative effects, on Bathurst caribou result.

KIA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the REA and commends the MVEIRB for a clear and thoughtful assessment of the impacts of this proposed development.

Yours truly,

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