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Dear Ms. Johnson:

RE: Letter about Cumulative Effects Study Site Visit – Drybones/Wool Bay

Further to our conversation and your letter dated July 31, 2003, concerns about liability in the event of an accident during a site visit led to changes in the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Cumulative Effects Study. The site visit was arranged by Gartner Lee Ltd. in order for their staff to view the location and scale of the proposed development relative to known traditional land use. Gartner Lee Ltd. traveled to the site July 20th and returned July 22nd, 2003. Additional information was collected from anyone on-site at the time of this visit.

The North Slave Métis Alliance, the NWT Métis Nation, and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation were invited to submit additional information for inclusion in the Cumulative Effects Study. Gartner Lee Ltd. will follow up with those who express interest. Further to our conversation, Gartner Lee Ltd. was advised of your willingness to discuss the Traditional Land Use research already undertaken by the North Slave Métis Alliance.

The Review Board does not have an Intervener Funding Program. The Cumulative Effects Study was intended to provide all Parties with some information to aid in the preparation of evidence. For further assistance, please contact INAC about funding options.

Your concerns about the availability and quality of data for the Drybones/Wool Bay area will be brought to the Review Board at the next meeting on August 7, 2003. This concern will be addressed in the Cumulative Effects Study and at the Public Hearing. After reviewing the Study Report, the Parties may submit evidence to the Review Board at the Public Hearing.

Your concern about the short timeframe for these environmental assessments is also noted. I will include this in my briefing to the Review Board at their upcoming meeting.

Thank you for informing the Review Board of the concerns of the North Slave Métis Alliance.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Assessment Officer

