

Subject: Re: Cooperation Agreement

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Hi Heidi:

Thank you for your letter dated July 26, 1999 and the enclosed documents. You mentioned in your letter that: "...You confirmed during a phone conversation of July 15 that NIRB would not have an involvement in the BHP expansion." Yes, that is true but only for present, because either the Government or, a DIO with the consent of the Government has not yet requested NIRB's involvement under 12.11.1 of the NLCA. This might change in the future.

I agree with you that we should start working on an MOU on collaboration in the review of project proposals. It is never too early. Please let me know when your lawyer is available. Both Bill and I would be happy to start the ball rolling.

Regards. JOE.

Heidi Klein wrote:

- > *Good morning Joe,*
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- > *I have discussed the need for a cooperation agreement between our to*
- > *Boards and they agreed that it needs to be done. They, therefore, have*
- > *given me permission to start working things out with you and Bill. I*
- > *will call after John (our legal counsel) returns from holidays so that*
- > *we can start on this.*
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- > *Also, I did send a letter and a package explaining our transboundary*
- > *provisions. Let me know if you don't receive it.*
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- > *Have a nice long weekend.*
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- > *Heidi*