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QIA has written two letters to the NEB dated June 13, 2011 and May 15, 2012. QIA recognizes the proponent has made efforts to increase the communities' understanding of their project and some of the possible effects the project might have. Despite this, QIA still believes that the consultations to date have not been able to adequately address the questions, concerns and emotions that this project has brought up in the affected communities.

Consultations to Date

The consultation strategy adopted by the proponents to date has not been effective to properly address the communities' concerns and questions. A new process acceptable to the communities, Inuit organizations, the proponent and NEB must be developed. QIA appreciates the NEB's willingness to gather information at community hearings and this continued process is required to further build trust among Inuit. The communities have expressed that it is not clear to them what opportunities there are for them to express their concerns moving forward. In light of this QIA is willing to assist the proponent in developing an appropriate consultation plan.

A frequent question that comes to QIA is how do you determine what the communities' concerns and questions are and what level of consultation is required? The level of concern determines whether you include more or less community organizations and or public meetings. QIA feels that there is enough concern that consensus needs to be built before Inuit are ready to accept the project. This would include the Hamlets, Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) and Community Lands and Resources Committees (CLARCs) and any other organization the affected communities would like included, including the broader public.

Strategic Environmental Assessment for Oil and Gas Development

QIA, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), the Government of Nunavut and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) Oil and Gas directorate have been in discussions about a possible Strategic Environmental Assessment for Baffin Bay and Davis Strait. QIA sees this as an integral step in order to gather IQ and scientific knowledge, identify knowledge gaps and look at possible monitoring strategies acceptable to all parties.

The affected communities need to be better informed and reach a comfort level with all aspects of future oil and gas development. There is an understanding that technology and knowledge have improved since the 1960's and 1980's but Inuit experience with oil and gas extraction techniques from this time is not positive. Inuit

