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Comité consultatif de l'environnement Kativik  
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL  
HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2010**

**(Approved)**

**Present:**

Claude Abel, Government of Canada appointee  
Gilles H. Tremblay, Government of Canada appointee  
Michael Barrett, KRG appointee  
Sylvie Létourneau, Québec government appointee  
Paule Halley, Québec government appointee  
Stéphanie Benoit, Executive Secretary

**Absent:**

Jean Couture, Québec government appointee  
Adamie Kalingo, KRG appointee  
Charlie Arngak, KRG appointee

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The conference call opened at 3:30 p.m. on August 30, 2010, and the agenda was adopted as follows:

1. Secretariat
  2. Annual report: draft version
  3. *Act to amend the Mining Act*
  4. Drinking water: possible actions
  5. Draft agenda for the 125th meeting
  6. Date and place of the next meeting
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1. The members reviewed the cover letter and résumé of a candidate for the temporary, one-year position of KEAC executive secretary. The candidate's qualifications, knowledge of the region, as well as her past work as KEAC executive secretary demonstrate that she has the qualifications to fill the position. The members asked that the candidate be contacted by telephone in order to discuss conditions of employment.
  2. The members studied the draft version of the 2009–2010 annual report. They suggested several changes regarding the activities, five-year action plan, financial statements and distribution list. As well, a member proposed that the points describing the KEAC's mandate be revised. The members agreed that they would pass the report around among themselves and contribute their corrections (in track changes mode).
  3. On Wednesday, September 25, Paule Halley and Claude Abel represented the KEAC at consultations concerning Bill No. 79, the *Act to amend the Mining Act*, organized by the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources. The members presented the KEAC's mandate, past KEAC actions regarding mining development in Nunavik, and specific comments on Bill No. 79. A 45-minute question period followed. Several topics were raised, including buffer zones around protected areas, increased transportation infrastructure, the impact of heavy equipment, and possible agreements between communities and companies that want to be

released from the 100% site-rehabilitation obligation. In addition to the letter tabled by the KEAC, the participants referred to an article in *Gaïa Presse* concerning the *Mining Act* and other legislation respecting mining activities. The article exposes the almost complete exemption from access to information legislation. A member of the National Assembly asked the KEAC to propose an amendment to section 17 of the *Mining Act*. Since the section stipulates the objectives of the Act, the members agreed that reference should be made to sustainable development. One member offered to draft a proposal that could then be commented on by the members.

It was pointed out that the KEAC's presentation can be viewed on the National Assembly's website and that a transcript will be available as of September 1.

4. At the last meeting, the members proposed several ways to follow up on the final report on drinking water tank cleaning in Nunavik. The executive secretary presented a list of the members' suggestions and explained possible actions. After agreeing on the parameters to be assessed, the members asked that Benoit Barbeau (professor, École Polytechnique de Montréal) be contacted to prepare a draft framework for a future pilot project. The members also expressed interest in posting the research report on the KEAC's website.
5. The members reviewed a draft version of the agenda for the next meeting. After making a few changes and additions, the members decided to continue working on the agenda.
6. The members confirmed that the date and place of the KEAC's 125th meeting will be October 6 and 7 in Quebec City.

Stéphanie Benoit  
Executive Secretary  
November 12, 2010