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Re: EIR0607-001 Gahcho Kue Workplan

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) wishes to bring the following issues to the attention of the Board.

1. The ability of the NSM to participate in this Environmental Impact Review depends on the capacity funding provided. To date, no funding has been announced.
2. It will take at least one month after the announcement of the funding application process before any reasonable expectation exists for delivery of actual funds. Assuming that a workplan is published on May 16th, it would be reasonable to assume that funding would possibly flow by June 16th.
3. Review of the EIS can not start till funding is obtained, probably no earlier than June 16th. If 30 days (minimum – 60 preferred) are provided to conduct a review and prepare information requests, then they should not be due before July 15th, and preferably August 1st.
4. Gathering and submission of evidence can not start until funding flows. If the funding flows on June 16th, and 10-12 months are set aside to prepare submissions, we should be able to have something ready for May 2012.
5. Public hearings could reasonably occur in the second or third quarter of 2012.

Sincerely,

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