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Subject: Note from Itai Katz for the MVEIRB (GREEN HOUSE GAS)

Dear Martin Haefele.

Few days ago we spoke by Telephone about the pipeline, I am sending you some concern I have with this project.

The first one is to do with GREEN HOUSE SASSES that are going to be product in abundant in few different stages of the construction process.

1. By using very big amounts of fuel (I seen an estimate for the amount of fuel the NWT's transportation system is expected to move for the project 120000 tons and we can add the fuel it will take to move all of the supply to NWT) total amount of supply for the project ~ 720000 tonnes
2. By cutting the vegetation to clear a way for the pipe and any future development to do with the oil and gas less trees less absorbedness of green gas.
3. By realising green house gas that trap in the lakes and soil while working on the construction of this project.

Anther concern that I have is to do with the social make up of the NWT.

1. I think that now the population is split even between aboriginal people and non aboriginals, however if the pipe line will go head I think that in 20 years time the Aboriginal population will drop to somewhere around 30% if not even lower and this population change will change very drastically the character of NWT and the aboriginal people would be push for the side line.
2. With the money that even now start to influence the local economy we can see a rise in crime we will see more drug use, more prostitutions and more domestic abuse.

In my mind the number of jobs that going to be create for aboriginals will be small due to number of reason.

1. The oil companies have there own workers who are very mobile work force they move along with the pipe line as they built it, when they are done Building in one part of the country they are moved to next location, they are train and experienced and part of a union and the company's have an obligation toward the people who work for them already, it's make economic sense to the company's as this work force is train so they don't require to retrain people and when you work with train people there less accidents on the jobs, so in the long run it cheaper as well for the company's.
2. Looking at the small community were I live there are no shortage of jobs there is a shortage of skill educate people to fill those jobs and as a results about 30% of the local work force is filled with people from down south, I think that this reality is quite typical for the community's in the NWT.

I think that the pipe line would do more harm then good as it will increase the amount of green gas's released into the air in the NWT in a dramatic way, we can see lots of changes to our enverment due to the global worming

already.

Morally we and our Inuit to the east will had no right to go down south and tell people you had to cut on your emission as our culture may be gone due to global warming we all had to work together to cut those emission. Producing them right here would not sit well with our neighbors to the south.

Unforcently most of the Boreal Forest is locate in Russia were during the communist years there was no regard what so ever to the enverment and the Boreal Forest region became very polluted and for that reason alone it is more important then ever to keep the Canadian Boreal Forest close as possible to is prime state.

Thank You

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