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July 21, 2014

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**Subject: Installation and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant and paving work  
at Kuujjuaq airport (Your reference: 3215-08-18)**

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Dear Deputy Minister,

As part of the environmental and social impacts assessment and review procedure set out in Chapter II of the *Environment Quality Act*, the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission has reviewed the information on this project sent July 11, 2014 by Mireille Paul of your department.

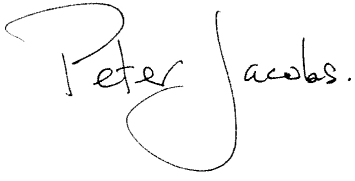
This project involves the installation and temporary operation of a mobile hot mix asphalt plant to carry out maintenance paving of the apron perimeter surface at Kuujjuaq Airport and a portion of the access road. The planned duration of work is two weeks. After completion, the plant will be dismantled and empty bitumen barrels will be compressed and put in containers for transport south by ship for recycling. The site will be leveled as needed using the appropriate aggregates.

After examining the project, and in accordance with Section 192 of the *Environment Quality Act*, the Commission has decided to exempt the project from the environmental impact assessment and review procedure.

However the Commission has concerns about the presence of bitumen barrels abandoned in the past where the hot mix asphalt plant is to be installed, and the ensuing possibility of soil contamination. Without necessarily implicating the proponent, the Commission is of the opinion that the MDDELCC along with local and regional authorities and Transport Canada should develop a strategy within the near future for properly cleaning and restoring the site.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Jacobs." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P" and a distinct "J" for "Jacobs".

Peter Jacobs  
Chairman