

NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut Resolution #: RSA 14-10-16		October 21-23, 2014	
		Seismic Survey in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait	
Moved by:	Bob Aknavigak		

Seconded by: Joe Attagutaluk

WHEREAS at its 2013 Annual General Meeting in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated's (NTI) Members passed a resolution urging the Government of Canada and the National Energy Board (NEB) not to issue any permits related to oil and gas development, which includes seismic surveying, in the Baffin Bay, Davis Strait and related areas, until such time as a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is completed and Inuit concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of Inuit;

AND WHEREAS in June 2014, NEB made the decision to issue a marine seismic survey permit and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development approved the Benefits Plan related to the project;

AND WHEREAS this decision was made without the benefit of a SEA and without adequate consultation with and accommodation of the concerns of the affected Inuit communities;

AND WHEREAS NTI, QIA, affected Inuit communities and other organizations, through various means, have asserted their opposition to the approval of seismic surveying before a proper SEA is undertaken;

AND WHEREAS the Inuit of Nunavut continue to have considerable concerns about the effects of seismic survey and other oil and gas exploration on marine mammals and other species that migrate in and out of the Nunavut Settlement Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT QIA and NTI urge the Government of Canada to immediately fulfill its commitment to conduct a comprehensive Strategic Environmental Assessment that incorporates Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, before the commencement of the planned seismic survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada engage with Inuit organizations and affected communities in a way that fulfills its obligation to adequately consult and accommodate Inuit and allows for informed decision-making regarding the impacts of the oil and gas exploration and extraction activities in Nunavut, including seismic surveying.

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Against:	0	Defeated:	
Abstention:	0		