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Calving areas should not be disturbed by mining, oil & gas exploration.

In Pond Inlet, there is an iron mining going on and it's in Calving Ground area near Mary River. Mary River is a very traditional caribou ground and calving area. Around Mary River area, it is also very special land mass for hunters. We, Mittimatalik HTO Board of Directors in Pond Inlet disagree and are against it, to allow mining and natural resource exploration in calving area.

This proposal is very disturbing to hunters in the community and on top of it, hunters in Baffin Island are banned from caribou harvesting and here then Government is allowing mining in the caribou calving area without any consultations to regions, other parties and communities.

In this case, in Nunavut, I believe there has to be an agreement between the Government of Nunavut and Three Regions including their communities according to the NLCA. And it sounding that there needs to be a hearing, a Symposium or Nunavut wide workshop for this case according to these NLCA Articles.

Defined under and included in AN AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN:

The Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area as represented by the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut

AND:

Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada.



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AND WHEREAS the Parties have negotiated this land claims Agreement based on and reflecting the following objectives:

to provide for certainty for certainty and clarity of rights to ownership and use of lands and resources, and of rights for Inuit to participate in decision-making concerning the use, management and conservation of land, water and resources, including the offshore;

to provide Inuit with wildlife harvesting rights and rights to participate in decision-making concerning wildlife harvesting;

to provide Inuit with financial compensation and means of participating in economic opportunities;

to encourage self-reliance and the cultural and social well-being of Inuit

PART 13

AMENDING THE AGREEMENT

2.13.1

An amendment to the Agreement shall require the consent of the Parties as evidenced by,

- (a) in respect of Her Majesty, an order of the Governor in Council, and
- (b) in respect of Inuit, a resolution of the Tungavik, except as provided otherwise by its bylaws or Section 35.9.1,

but the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly shall not be altered, and the Territorial Government shall not incur any financial obligations, through any amendment without its written consent

In closing, thank you for having the time to read this letter.

Jimmy Pitseolak - Chairperson

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