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OPPOSITION TO ANCONIA VICTORY LAKE PROJECT GROWS

STONEWALL, Manitoba (May 22, 2013) - The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB) remains deeply concerned about Anconia Resources' exploration activities at Victory Lake in the heart of the Qamanirjuaq calving ground, approximately mid-way between Arviat and Baker Lake, Nunavut. The Board opposes any exploration or development on caribou calving grounds.

This reaction by the BQCMB stems from its May 7-9 meeting in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, during which the President of Anconia Resources, Jason Brewster, presented information to the BQCMB on its 2012 exploration activities and plans for continuing work in 2013. The project had received a one-year Inuit land use license from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) in May 2012 and a two-year federal land use permit from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) in February 2013. KIA recently issued a renewal to Anconia authorizing work on the calving grounds for another year.

The BQCMB warns that Anconia's exploration in the calving grounds could result in significant impacts to Qamanirjuaq caribou through disturbance accumulating over time. If Anconia's exploration work provides favourable results and they or others pursue development of a mine, impacts on the caribou herd could escalate.

Assurances from Anconia that it will meet or exceed permit conditions did little to alleviate Board members' concerns, including a need for full community consultations, inadequacy of Caribou Protection Measures, and potential impacts on caribou and habitat.

The Board is not alone in its reaction to Anconia's project at Victory Lake or opposition to all exploration and development on caribou calving grounds. As evidence that the concern is widespread, BQCMB Chair Earl Evans cites resolutions from the Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations (HTOs) of Baker Lake, Arviat, and Chesterfield Inlet, as well as a resolution of the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB) that was passed unanimously by all seven members, and a subsequent letter of support from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) from Nunavut's Baffin Region.

The Athabasca Denesuline of northern Saskatchewan and the Manitoba Denesuline have also requested that the permits issued to Anconia be cancelled. In their October 2012 letter to



AANDC, the Athabasca Denesuline stressed that under no circumstances "should calving grounds ever be explored/developed/ disturbed in any way."

"These organizations have taken strong positions because this project threatens their livelihoods," Evans says. BQCMB meeting guest and harvester from Arviat, Leo Ikakhik, agreed. "This area is where our country foods are grown, where our hearts are. Any damage or disruption hurts us."

"The Board has taken the position of no development on calving grounds," added Florence Catholique, BQCMB alternate member representing Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation. "We have the interests of a lot of people at heart. Our concerns are for the caribou, the Dene people, and future generations."

Evans is frustrated and concerned that the long-standing position against exploration and development on calving grounds held by the BQCMB and many other organizations continues to be disregarded. However, he is encouraged by the solidarity seen amongst organizations across the caribou ranges. "Our voices are stronger when we speak together," he said.

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BAKER LAKE, NU. X0C-0A0

Baker Lake Hunters' and Trappers' Organization, during their regular meeting of June 21, 2012 made and passed a motion:

20112-06-21-#01 Timothy Tunguaq/Eugene Niviatsiak that they opposed to Anconia Resources Corp. proposed project in Victory Lake, Nunavut. Exploration activities should be banned in caribou calving and post-calving grounds....carried

Baker Lake HTO made and passed a motion on January 10th, 2012 that they would support whatever the communities of Arviat and Whale Cove decides.

In recent decision by BQCMB, and KWB, which in their June meeting expressed their position to opposed the Anconia's project proposal in the centre of Qamanirjuaq caribou calving grounds.

The Baker Lake HTO, strongly opposed to KIA's recommendation to NIRB for the project to go ahead in Inuit owned lands without full consultation with communities affected. Although, the Caribou Protection Measures alone should have been sufficient to reject the proposal.

Chairperson

cc: KIA, BQCMB, KWB

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AQIGIQ HUNTERS & TRAPPERS ORGANIZATION

Nunavut Impact Review Board

File No: 11EN048 KIA No: KVL311C03

February 13, 2013

RE: Victory Lake Project:

Aqigiq HTO board of directors discussed the Anconia Resource request for support on exploration and mining in Victory Lake at their regular meeting February 12, 2013, in 1978 Caribou Protected Measures were established under the Territorial Land Use Regulations to protect caribou from disturbance in calving and post-calving areas, at designated water crossings and on migration routes to the calving grounds.

Moved by: Jacinthe Amarok Seconded by: Larry Tautu

That Aqigiq HTO directors do not agree nor support the project since it will disturb the Qamanirjuaq Caribou herd and its calving & migrating route also any exploration activities.

To protect the herd Aqigiq HTO is opposing Anconia's Victory Lake Project based on BQMBs recommendation and tradition post-calving grounds since early 1950s.

Carried Motion # 106\13

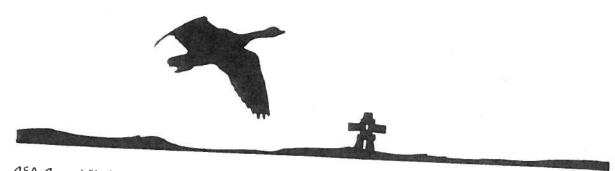
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office anytime Mon-Fri before 5pm.

Sincerely,

Douglas Aggark Vice Chairman

Cc: Anconia Resource
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

File No: 11EN046

KIA File No. KVL311C03

Friday, January-20-12

NIRB:

Arviat HTO board of directors have reviewed the NIRB file numbered 11EN Lake HTO, and a recommendation letter from the Beverly and Qamanirjuain a regular meeting scheduled January 19, 2012.

Arviat HTO is concerned the proposed project will disturb the Qamanirjuaq calving/migratory route. Arviat HTO does not agree with permitting explor and post-calving area, and recommends Anconia's application not be appropriately agreed by: Laurent Angelia.

Moved by: Laurent Angalik Seconded by: Paul Kattau

MOTION 12/04/120 - CARRIED -

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the Arviat

Signed;

Alex Ishalook

Arviat HTO Chairperson

CC: