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Honourable Michael Miltenberger  
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
PO Box 1320  
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Dear Minister Miltenberger

**Re: Continuing Commitment to Caribou Research and Monitoring**

The Directors of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding work that ENR has conducted in the past in advancing the state of knowledge on the ecology of the Bathurst caribou herd.

While we regret the upcoming retirement and loss of the department's most experienced caribou scientist, we urge ENR to carry on its mandate and duty to continue research and monitoring of the Bathurst caribou herd. These efforts contribute to the design of a regional cumulative effects monitoring system for the herd--a priority for all of our Aboriginal society members. We suggest that ENR ensure adequate resources are made available to continue this work in an effective way, particularly for locating a suitable new ungulate biologist in a timely manner to allow your team to fulfill its mandate.

As the public watchdog for environmental management of the Ekati mine, we will continue to work in collaboration with ENR on the Bathurst caribou herd. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help in that regard.

Sincerely,

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William A. Ross,  
Chairperson

