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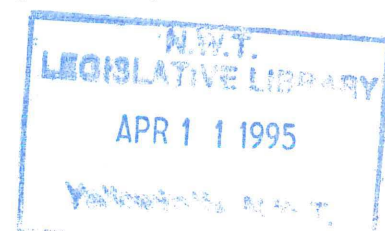
Dear Sir,

This letter is written in regards to the proposed shut down of the Panarctic site at Rae Point on Melville Island.

There was a meeting on March 24, 1995 between Panarctic, Hamlet Councillors, Hunters and Trappers Organization and one DIAND representative who had requested that such a meeting take place.

The essence of the proposed plan is to remove all reusable equipment and hazardous materials by means of Air or Sea Lift. All buildings and unuseable equipment will be broken down, burned and buried on site.

First off we the community of Resolute Bay would like to see other removal means used for the material that is to be left on site. We would like to see more if not all this "scrap material" removed totally from the site. We do understand that because of the high expense of such a removal and that the original lease agreement that was signed back in the late '60's, that Panarctic will probably be allowed to conduct their burn and bury proposal. If this were to happen we the community have put in a request to the Company and to the DIAND representative to take over some of the more permanent and newer buildings for use for the community. As you know hunters, both local and sport hunters are going further and further for their hunts and other related activities. It is for this reason that we request that some of the buildings and some equipment be left on site. Any heavy equipment that will not be returned to the south can be used by the community. At the meeting on the 24th we were told by the DIAND representative that this would not happen, that the site has to be returned to its original state. In the past, dealings with DIAND and Companies that the Hamlet or HTO have had an agreement with that would allow some materials or buildings to stay on



site to be of use for the residents of Resolute, have allowed this to happen. Now DIAND is saying that under no circumstances would this be allowed to happen on this site.

There are three problems here that we have to deal with and they are

(1) That the buildings that are sound and of value and would probably last another 100 years were they are, will be torn down and buried when these facilities could be of use in the community. DIAND will not allow the Panarctic to leave them on site.

(2) With the cost of heavy equipment so high today to purchase and to ship, any heavy equipment that will not be shipped down south by Panarctic should be left at the site. If the heavy equipment are in working order they can be used by the community on a needed basis. . The other heavy equipment that are not in working order can be used for spare parts when the newer heavy equipment are in repairs.

(3) The information given to us by DIAND is not helpful, clear or of enough substance to allow us to have a constructive meeting with Panarctic. We were in the understanding that we would have some input in how the cleanup would be conducted but what we found out during the meeting was that the original lease agreement allows them to burn and bury. If DIAND informed us of this we could have better prepare ourselves for this meeting. The other problem is the communication problem with dealing with two DIAND offices and getting two different answers to questions about agreements between communities and Big Business.

In this case it would almost appear that DIAND is more concerned with the Companies instead of the people and communities they are to help.

It is our hope that you can help us in this matter. Our real concern is with the buildings and heavy equipment. We feel that if Panarctic is allowed to leave some items that they will.

Thank you for your time and concern.

Yours Sincerely,



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c.c. Jack Anawack, Nunatsiaq MP  
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Silas Arna'naaq, Minister of Renewable Resources