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KEQC Public Hearings on the Sivumut Project

Kuujuuaq, Québec, April 21, 2017 – The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) participated during the week of April 3 in the public hearings organized by the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) in Salluit and Kangiqsujuaq concerning phases II and III of the Sivumut Project beyond 2020 proposed by Glencore Canada Corporation on its Raglan mine property. The brief submitted by the KRG focuses on environmental and socio-economic considerations of the project and promotes sustainable development.

“As Nunavik’s economy continues to evolve with developments like the Raglan mine, it is critical for us to ensure that the communities and regional organizations have the tools to remain directly engaged in the management and mitigation of these projects,” stated KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick at the public hearings. “Sustained benefits for Nunavimmiut and proper protection of the environment are our priorities. Since 1995, Glencore has proven itself a responsible corporate citizen of the region.”

The KRG brief covers a broad range of issues, including environmental standards, development of community-based monitoring programs, transportation infrastructure construction and operation, renewable energy production, as well as employment and local business opportunities for Nunavimmiut.

KRG involvement in this file is being led by the organization’s Renewable Resources, Environment, Lands and Parks Department in cooperation with the Regional and Local Development, Sustainable Employment, and Transportation departments, in accordance with the KRG’s legally prescribed responsibilities and mandates. The KRG brief can be downloaded at: <http://www.krg.ca/publications/environment>. A project description prepared by Glencore Canada Corporation may be found on the KEQC website at: <http://www.keqc-cgek.ca/en/projets/raglan-mine-project-phases-ii-iii/>.

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