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February 21, 2013

The Honorable James Arreak
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut
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Dear Minister Arreak:

The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) would like to reiterate its position that KIA does not support the nomination of Back River to the Canadian Heritage River System being proposed by Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Parks and Special Places Division of the Department of Environment.

As stated in a letter dated November 26, 2012 by the President of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, there are a number of Inuit Owned Land parcels, both surface and subsurface, that KIA has spent a considerable amount of time and financial resources studying the area and note that it has significant economic potential.

KIA will not surrender its land administration responsibilities to a 3rd party that may include any management committee established to make decisions with regard to Heritage Rivers.

Sincerely,

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