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Regulatory Division CEPOA-RD  
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Re: Nanushuk Project Draft EIS  
ASRC Request for Extension of Public Comment Period

Dear Ms. Lyons:

Kuukpik Corporation supports ASRC's request of today for an extension of the public comment period for the Nanushuk Project Draft EIS by at least 30 days.

Kuukpik agrees that the changing ownership of the Nanushuk Project to include Oil Search, Ltd., a company based in Australia and in Papua New Guinea without any North Slope or Arctic experience introduces major uncertainty into the entire project and into the EIS and permitting processes. Kuukpik's written comments, submitted today, on the Nanushuk Project Draft EIS address this and other issues raised by the change in ownership. Those concerns are magnified by the fact that Oil Search is scheduled to become the Operator of the Nanushuk Project in June, 2018.

Kuukpik agrees with ASRC that more time is necessary for Repsol, Armstrong, and Oil Search to work with stakeholders like North Slope Borough, ASRC, and Kuukpik Corporation on the future of Nanushuk and on any changes that Oil Search, as the incoming Operator, may propose. Kuukpik also has concerns about whether oral commitments to decrease impacts made by Armstrong will be honored by Oil Search, making a "time out" for further discussions all the more valuable to Kuukpik, the community of Nuiqsut, and ASRC.

Sincerely,

KUUKPIK CORPORATION

By: 

Joe Nukapigak  
President