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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut representing the constituency of Hudson Bay to express my support for the Sanikiluaq High Displacement Renewable Energy Demonstration Project.

On April 13, 2021, the Qikiqtaaluk Business Development Corporation announced that it had been awarded \$6.5 million in federal funding from Natural Resources Canada to support this wind and battery energy storage project. The announcement indicated that:

"The Sanikiluaq High Displacement Renewable Energy Demonstration Project will see 1 MW of wind generation coupled with 800 kWh of battery energy storage installed in the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq. Producing over 4 GWh per year of clean electricity, it is anticipated that the Project will offset over 50% of the community's diesel fuel usage for electricity ... the Project will be owned and operated through a regional-community ownership model, ensuring project revenues remain within the community. Representing a true Inuit-led solution to renewable energy development in Nunavut, the Project will realize numerous economic, social, and environmental benefits locally."

During the recent winter 2022 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I had the opportunity to speak in the House about this important initiative, and I noted its important objective of producing clean electricity for the community and reducing the use of diesel fuel. I also noted that I had recently had the opportunity to meet in person with an environmental assessor who was in the community to conduct scoping work in respect to the project. I am also pleased to note that the project has been formally supported by the Municipality of Sanikiluaq.

The Minister's return to the questions that I raised in the Legislative Assembly indicated that:

"The Qulliq Energy Corporation appreciates efforts of entities such as the Qikiqtaaluk Business Development Corporation and the Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation in making the deployment and use of renewable energy a reality. The Qulliq Energy Corporation's core business is to provide safe, reliable and affordable retail power to all 25 communities in Nunavut. There are significant costs to doing so, as the customer base for the supply or sale of retail power in

Nunavut is small. Recently, the Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation provided an update on their project development to the Qulliq Energy Corporation, who in turn provided technical information as requested. The Qulliq Energy Corporation looks forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with both entities whilst protecting its customers from rate increases.”

I strongly support this project, and look forward to the successful achievement of a Power Purchase Agreement in respect to the project.

Yours sincerely,

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Daniel Qawik, MLA  
Hudson Bay

c.c. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation  
Minister of Natural Resources Canada  
Senator for Nunavut  
Member of Parliament for Nunavut  
Mayor and Council, Municipality of Sanikiluaq



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Municipality of Sanikiluaq  
Sanikiluaq, Nunavut, Canada, X0A 0W0

Harry Flaherty

President and CEO

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May 6, 2022

Dear Mr. Flaherty,

We would like to express our support for the Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation in their request to engage in direct negotiations with Qulliq Energy Corporation on a Power Purchase Agreement for the Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Storage Project in the absence of an Independent Power Producer Program. We share the view that this is a flagship project that will bring employment, education and economic benefits to the Qikiqtani Region and to Nunavut, while improving energy security and reducing carbon emissions.

With growing concerns over climate change, fossil fuel price volatility, and the need for energy security and sovereignty, Nunavummiut must act now to reduce their dependency on diesel. Large-scale community renewable energy projects will not only significantly contribute to reducing diesel dependency but also empower communities through long-term revenue generation, job creation, and increased energy security.

As an Inuit-led renewable energy project, the Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Storage Project is directly aligned with Canada's Climate Plan and the Government of Nunavut's Katujjiluta Mandate to diversify our local economies. The success of this project is

fundamental to setting the stage for a territorial transition to a cleaner and more affordable energy future.

We strongly encourage the leaders of Nunavut to enable negotiation on a Power Purchase Agreement between Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation and Qulliq Energy Corporation, in the absence of an Independent Power Producer Program. In doing so, the Sanikiluaq project will set a historic precedent by breaking down the barriers that are currently preventing the development of this essential infrastructure in other Nunavut communities.

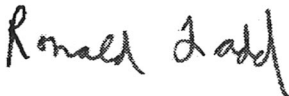
We are in full support of this initiative and will continue to advocate for its advancement.

Mayor Johnnie Cookie

*As Deputy Mayor*



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Keith Peterson  
Board Chairperson  
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May 13, 2022

RE: Urgent Request for Immediate Engagement on PPA Negotiations for Sanikiluaq Wind and Battery Energy Storage Project

Dear Mr. Peterson,

Qikiqtaaluk Corporation ("QC") is actively working on a number of renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives through its wholly owned subsidiary, Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation ("NNC"). Locally owned renewable energy has the potential to generate impactful economic, social, and environmental benefits for communities in the Qikiqtani Region. Direct revenue will be shared with communities, local long-term employment opportunities will be generated, and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will be achieved. Moreover, renewable energy development in Nunavut aligns well with the Katujjiluta Mandate priority of diversifying local economies.

The *Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Energy Storage Project* is a flagship renewable energy initiative for the Qikiqtani region. While we have been successful in achieving community support, technical milestones, and funding to support our development efforts, some key milestones have been delayed. These delays stem from ineffective energy policies in the Territory, and poor communications and collaboration with Qulliq Energy Corporation ("QEC"). Further delays are threatening the project entirely, as it would force project timelines beyond funding windows. To mitigate this threat, *we request direct engagement with QEC on Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) negotiations for the Sanikiluaq Wind + BESS Project through consultation with the QEC Board, with a targeted PPA execution date of September 2022.*

Commercial negotiation with QEC is the single greatest risk to the project; failure to immediately engage in commercial discussions will result in outright loss of the project and the associated benefits to the community. QEC has maintained that until an Independent Power Producer ("IPP") Policy is enacted, they cannot engage in detailed communications with NNC on a PPA. NNC does not accept this reasoning, as the *Qulliq Energy Corporation Act* gives QEC the authority to purchase power from an independent power producer. Negotiation of a PPA outside of an IPP Policy has been commonly employed in off-grid communities throughout Inuit Nunangat with success. Utilities in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Newfoundland & Labrador, all accept Unsolicited Proposals from renewable energy proponents for review on a case-by-case basis; it is our belief





that QEC should employ this process as well. There is also great support for this project, illustrated by the numerous Letters of Support which we have received backing our efforts (attached).

There is a growing sense of urgency surrounding these actions; further delays on PPA negotiations will jeopardize losing project funding as funding windows are closing. A loss of project funding will most certainly result in project failure. This would represent an economic loss to the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq and Qikiqtani Inuit and send a message that sustainable energy development and energy security is unattainable in Nunavut.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Harry Flaherty  
President & CEO

Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and Group of Companies

CC: Rick Hunt – President & CEO, Qulliq Energy Corporation  
Heather Shilton – Director, Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation  
Sheldon Nimchuk – Director, Qikiqtaaluk Business Development Corporation

ATTACHMENTS: Hamlet of Sanikiluaq Letter of Support  
Qikiqtani Inuit Association Letter of Support  
Kitikmeot Corporation Letter of Support  
Kitikmeot Inuit Association Letter of Support  
Sakku Investments Letter of Support  
Kivalliq Inuit Association Letter of Support  
Jurisdictional Scan of Unsolicited Proposal Process for Off-grid  
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April 26, 2022

Harry Flaherty  
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By email at:

**Re: Letter of Support on Power Purchase Agreement for Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Storage Project**

Dear Mr. Flaherty,

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May 2, 2022

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We are in full support of this initiative and will continue to advocate for its advancement.

Warm regards,

David Omilgoitok  
President and CEO  
Kitikmeot Corporation

Harry Flaherty  
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May 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Flaherty,

We would like to express our support for the Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation in their request to engage in direct negotiations with Qulliq Energy Corporation on a Power Purchase Agreement for the *Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Storage Project* in the absence of an Independent Power Producer Program. We share the view that this is a flagship project that will bring employment, education and economic benefits to the Qikiqtani Region and to Nunavut, while improving energy security and reducing carbon emissions.

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Warm regards,

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Stanley Anablak  
President  
Kitikmeot Inuit Association



*Saku Investments Corporation*

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Harry Flaherty  
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May 9, 2022

**Support to Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation and the Sanikiluaq Renewable Energy Project.**

Dear Mister Flaherty,

We would like to express our support for the Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation (NNC) in their request to engage in direct negotiations with Qulliq Energy Corporation on a Power Purchase Agreement for the *Sanikiluaq Wind + Battery Storage Project* in the absence of an Independent Power Producer Program.

We share the view that this is a flagship project that will bring employment, education and economic benefits to the Qikiqtani Region and to Nunavut, while improving energy security and reducing carbon emissions.

NCC ongoing initiative is in line with the goals of this current territorial government, federal government, and our vision as a Birthright Development Corporation for the Kivalliq region of Nunavut. We believe investments in these kinds of projects will support Canada's strong economic recovery and support Inuit families, workers and businesses now and for generations to come

With growing concerns over climate change, fossil fuel price volatility, and the need for energy security and sovereignty, Nunavummiut must act now to reduce their dependency on diesel. Large-scale community renewable energy projects will not only significantly

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We strongly encourage the leaders of Nunavut to enable negotiation on a Power Purchase Agreement between NNC and Qulliq Energy Corporation, in the absence of an Independent Power Producer Program. In doing so, the Sanikiluaq project will set a historic precedent by breaking down the barriers that are currently preventing the development of similar essential infrastructure in other Nunavut communities.

Further to that, with this negotiation taking place, we strongly believe Qulliq Energy Corporation will be one step closer to establishing their Independent Power Producer Program as there is definite value in going through such a process and learning from expectation of Inuit corporations sharing the same goal of developing and energizing our territory.

We are in full support of this initiative and will continue to advocate for its advancement.

Respectfully,

**David Kakuktinniq, President & CEO**  
Sakku Investments Corporation



# Kivalliq Inuit Association

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May 11, 2022

Dear Mr. Flaherty,

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We are in full support of this initiative and will continue to advocate for its advancement.

Warm regards,

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With growing concerns over climate change, fossil fuel price volatility, and the need for energy security and sovereignty, Nunavummiut must act now to reduce their dependency on diesel. The Government of Canada has established its goal and committed more than \$500 million to reduce the use of diesel for electricity generation in remote and indigenous communities through its Clean Energy in Indigenous, Rural and Remote Communities Program, the Indigenous off-Diesel Initiative, the Smart Renewable Energy and Electricity Pathways program, and the Arctic Energy Fund. Community-scale renewable energy projects are the primary pathway to significantly reduce diesel dependence. Inuit owned and developed renewable energy projects are critical to empowering communities through long-term revenue generation, job creation, and increased energy security.

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