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Attention: Mr. Donald S. Norquay
Assistant Deputy Minister

**All-Weather Road East Side of Lake Winnipeg
Justification and Scoping Study Executive Summary**

Dear Mr. Norquay:

We are pleased to submit this Executive Summary for the All-Weather Road, East Side of Lake Winnipeg Justification and Scoping Study.

The Study involved extensive community consultation, analysis of existing and future transportation costs for the existing Winter Road System, analysis of two All-Weather Road Scenario transportation costs, and the identification of potential economic spin-offs, environmental impacts, and socio-economic consequences. This work was initiated in August of 1999 and completed one year later.

Completion of the study was achieved due to the energetic and enthusiastic support of numerous people; too many to thank individually. We would, however, like to thank the Government Officials, Managers, and Staff from Provincial, Federal, and First Nations agencies that were very helpful and cooperative. The same was true of the various Resource development companies and Transport companies whose interests were also involved.

We would also like to thank the residents of the various communities and other potential stakeholders who were very generous with their insights and comments. We wish to thank all the individuals and groups who expressed an interest in this study. A special thank you to the Steering Committee and the Department of Highways, whose leadership made the successful completion of this Study possible.



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We trust the study results will assist government and community decision makers in their future deliberations on the All-Weather Road issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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