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Attention: Mr. Donald S. Norquay
Assistant Deputy Minister

**All-Weather Road to Pukatawagan
Economic Assessment Study - Executive Summary**

Dear Mr. Norquay:

We are pleased to submit this Executive Summary for the All-Weather Road, to Pukatawagan Economic Assessment Study.

The Study involved community consultation, analysis of existing and future transportation costs for the existing Winter Road, Rail, and Air Transport System, analysis of several 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 April 2000 and completed approximately 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 acknowledge the support of Officials, Managers, and Staff from Provincial Government, Federal Government, and the Pukatawagan First Nations. They were very helpful and cooperative. The same was true of the various Resource development companies and Transport companies whose interests were also involved.

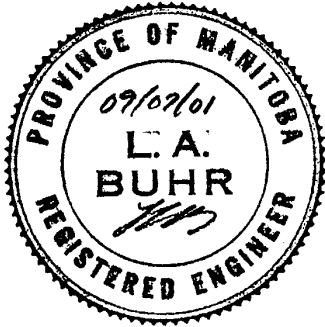
We would also like to thank the Steering Committee representing various communities and other potential stakeholders who were very generous with their insights and comments. We wish to thank all the individuals and groups who expressed an interest in this study. A special thank you to the Department of Transportation and Government Services, 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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Enclosure