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To: Employment and Social Development Canada

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To Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC):

On behalf of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Economic Development and Transportation (ED&T) I am pleased to send this letter of support for Qikiqtaaluk Corporation's (QC) submission under ESDC's Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF).

ED&T is a strong supporter of our fishing industries efforts to evaluate and develop the inshore fisheries potential in Nunavut. In addition to the potential that commercial fisheries development can provide for much needed employment and socio-economic development in our remote communities, the evaluation of fisheries resources also offers the potential to help address critical food security and sovereignty issues in these communities.

As a result, the Government of Nunavut has been pleased to partner with QC on its efforts to date towards inshore fisheries development and remains committed to this important initiative and the evaluation and development of our resource potential. ED&T is pleased to confirm that the Government of Nunavut has made a financial contribution of \$732,500 thus far provided directly to the capital and operations costs over the past couple of years in the construction and operation of QC's new inshore fisheries research vessel, the Ludy Pudluk. Given the importance of this initiative to inshore fisheries development in Nunavut, ED&T is open to receiving additional requests from our fishing industries for funding in support of major projects like this one.

This project with ESDC will help address a critical component needed for the long-term success of inshore fisheries development in Nunavut, the identification, training and mentoring of the local community capacity is required for success. With the young population of our Territory and the large number of Inuit who will be entering the workforce over the coming years, an early introduction to potential career opportunities in fishery is needed to attract the needed



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talent for all aspects of fishery development, from the research technicians to vessel and processing plant staff, to small business owners and managers.

Sincerely,

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