



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 09AN034**

AANDC File No.: N2013J0013

September 9, 2013

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Via email: jeff.mercer@aandc.gc.ca and landsmining@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region, NIRB File No. 09AN034

Dear Jeff Mercer:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" in the Qikiqtani Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 09AN034, signed on September 9, 2013 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, Nunavut has been issued to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AANDC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC send a hardcopy of the

authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Natasha Lear, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4612 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natasha Lear".

Natasha Lear
Environmental Administrator

cc: Richard Weber, Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Tracy McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Bernie MacIsaac, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 09AN034)