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 NIRB: 09YA006
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 10038-09-NU.

February 24, 2009

Leslie Payette
Manager of Environmental Administration
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

RE: David Burgess – Glacier Mass Balance and Pollution Studies in the Canadian High Arctic

Dear Ms. Payette,

Transport Canada (TC) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Part 4 Screening process for the above mentioned project proposal as requested in your February 12, 2009 notification. TC is responsible for transportation policies and programs that promote a safe transportation system, ensuring that they work effectively and in an integrated manner.

Transport Canada has conducted a cursory review of the project proposal in accordance with our departmental mandate pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. Our review consisted of the following documents:

- NIRB Notice Part 4 – Screening and Comment Request
- Non-Technical Project Proposal Description of "Glacier Mass Balance and Snow Pollution Studies in the high Arctic" – English Summary
- Related Maps

I have attached "The Comment Form for NIRB Screenings", however Transport Canada's Navigable Waters Protection Program (NWPP) has indicated that the project as proposed is of no concern and Transport Canada has no interest in the project.

Should you have any questions pertaining to these comments, please contact me by telephone at (204) 983-5857 or email at sophia.garrick@tc.gc.ca

Regards,

Sophia Garrick
Environmental Officer

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COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: <u>Glacier Mass Balance and Pollution Studies in the Canadian High Arctic</u>	
Proponent: <u>David Burgess</u>	
Location: <u>North Baffin region on the Meighen, Melville, Agassiz and Devon ice caps, as well as the Grise Fiord glacier</u>	
Comments Due: <u>March 5, 2009</u>	NIRB#: <u>09YA006</u>
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	

<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area _____	
Please describe the concerns indicated above:	
Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application? <u>None</u>	
Do you support the project proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional comments?	
Name of person commenting: <u>Sophia Garrick</u> of <u>Environmental Affairs</u>	
Position: <u>Environmental officer</u>	Organization: <u>Transport Canada</u>
Signature: <u>Sophia Garrick</u>	Date: <u>February 24, 2008</u>