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Via Email at info@nirb.ca

Dear Ms. Arko,

RE: NIRB 09YN071 – Carlton University (Nunavut Research Institute) – Ice Islands of the Eastern Canadian Arctic – Comments on Amendment Application

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the above mentioned Amendment Application from Carlton University together with the Nunavut Research Institute (the Proponents) submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for consideration. The Proponents are proposing to amend License Number 09YN071 to include additional components. The addition components include but are not limited to shape analysis of the ice islands using side-scanning, use of a tilt-meter and wave-ride to measure wave action, and use of a warm water drill to access water underneath the ice island.

EC has no comments at this time regarding the Amendment Application for the proposed additional project activities. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding the original project proposal on 19 January 2010 still apply to this project. If there are any changes in the project proposal or more information becomes available, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Smith at (867) 975-4631 or by e-mail at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca

Yours Truly,

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