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Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the University of Laval's "Green Edge" Project Proposal;

Ms. Rasmussen,

On December 18, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Laval's "Green Edge" project proposal. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments, and after reviewing the project proposal and related documents, has the below comments to offer for NIRB's consideration.

- **Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.**

After reviewing the project proposal and related documents, it is unclear whether this Part 4 Screening is for the 2015 research season exclusively or both the 2015 and 2016 research seasons. In the NIRB Screening and comments request letter it states "The program is proposed to take place from March 9, 2015 to July 13, 2015", but then under sub-title *the proposed project activities include* it states "sampling to be conducted via the CCGS Amundsen vessel or its barge during the 2016 melt season". The inclusion of 2016 does not alter the activities or impacts of the proposal, but does increase the person days and fuel requirements discussed in the *Scientific Research Licence Application – Land, Freshwater & Marine Based Research*.

AANDC looks forward to reviewing any additional information provided in relation to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Laura Harris at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at Laura.Harris@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely

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