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To: The Honourable Paul Quassa
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Sent via email: pquassa@gov.nu.ca; gellsworth@gov.nu.ca

Re: Screening Decision for University of Ottawa's "Ice Dynamics and Cryospheric Changes in Northern Canada" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

On April 21, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen University of Ottawa's "Ice Dynamics and Cryospheric Changes in Northern Canada" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) due to significant modification to the original project proposal. NPC noted that the conformity determination issued on February 4, 2008 continued to apply to this proposal.

Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **08YN010**, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number. Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of University of Ottawa's "Ice Dynamics and Cryospheric Changes in Northern Canada" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated June 20, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Ice Dynamics and Cryospheric Changes in Northern Canada
- NIRB File No.: 08YN010
- Application No.: 124664

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 08YN010 (June 20, 2016)