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Sent via email: broy@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence #3BM-PAN1417 Type B to Type A” Project Proposal

Dear Bhabesh Roy:

On November 22, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence #3BM-PAN1417 Type B to Type A” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **16WN066** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On December 2, 2016 the NIRB issued correspondence to GN-CGS requesting that additional information in support of this proposal be provided to the NIRB on or before December 16, 2016. On January 30, 2017 the NIRB received the requested additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA.

PROJECT SCOPE

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The proposed “Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence #3BM-PAN1417 Type B to Type A” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region, in the municipality of Pangnirtung. To continue the licenced operation of municipal services and to permit water use in excess of 300 cubic metres (m³) per day, the Proponent is proposing to upgrade its existing Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Type “B” Water Licence (Licence No. 3BM-PAN 1417, *expires* September 15, 2017) to a NWB Type “A” Water Licence. The municipal services under the proposed upgraded Type “A” Water Licence would be permitted to continue operations from September 16, 2107 through September 15, 2027.¹

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Increase the total amount of water drawn for community water supply needs, as expected to support community growth projections;
- Continued operation of three (3) municipal facilities including the Water Treatment and Supply Facility, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Waste Management Facility to treat and store water for municipal use, treat and dispose of wastewater and sewage, and dispose of solid and hazardous wastes generated within the municipality;
- Continued use of heavy machinery and industrial vehicles to transport and process solid wastes, transport and deliver sewage, and to transport and deliver water throughout the community;
- Continued use of existing municipal roads to facilitate ongoing municipal service operations; and
- Use of local fuel supplies to facilitate ongoing machinery and vehicle operations.

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence #3BM-PAN1417 TYPE B to TYPE A
- NIRB File No.: 16WN066
- Application No.: 125031

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application*

¹ Development activities associated with the future Waste Management Capital Project referenced throughout the project proposal are not considered part of the current scope under assessment.

- *NIRB's Online Application Form (formerly the NIRB Part 1 form in English)*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in Inuktitut*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Maps noting municipal infrastructure*
- *Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Water Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Manual*
- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Operation Manual*
- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Bypass Contingency Plan*
- *Electrical Instruction Manual*
- *Proponent Correspondence*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Form*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Identification of Environmental Impacts Table*
- *Hamlet of Pangnirtung Licencing Authorization Letter*
- *Hamlet of Pangnirtung 2016 Annual Water Licence Report*
- *Nunavut Water Board Type "A" Water Licence Application*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by GN-CGS' project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 24, 2017**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or at dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
 Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)