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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the Government of Nunavut “Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence” Project Proposal

Dear Mr. St. Pierre,

On February 3, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Government of Nunavut “Renewal of the Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence” project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

The Proponent has checked off the All-Weather Road/Access Trail box within section 3 of the NIRB Part 1 Project Proposal Description form but there is no mention of an All-Weather Road/Access Trail construction or upgrade in the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement (PSIR) form. Furthermore, although an increase in plant capacity from 74,000 to 200,907 cubic meters of water per annum can be inferred from the information presented in the project description, it is not clear if the current application involves new upgrades to the water supply system, landfill, wastewater treatment plant, and all weather road/access trail. Table 1 (*identification of environmental impacts*) presented in the *NIRB Part 2 Form* indicates that most of the impacts associated with the project operational phase are either *negative and mitigatable (M)* or *unknown (U)* but it not clear what particular operational activities will result in the identified impacts. Additionally, it is not clear what mitigation measures are being proposed. Although INAC understands the potential impacts associated with



projects of this nature are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, it is nevertheless important for the proponent to clearly identify these impacts in order to ensure appropriate mitigation measures are selected. INAC recommends that the proponent clearly identifies any new activities associated with the current application, their impacts as well as the proposed mitigation measures.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman M. Scully at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at norman.scully@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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