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To: The Honourable Paul Quassa
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
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Sent via email: pquassa@gov.nu.ca

Re: Screening Decision for Trent University’s “Impacts of Air Pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems on Baffin Island” Project Proposal, Oikiqtani (North Baffin) Region

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

On May 12, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Trent University’s “Impacts of Air Pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems on Baffin Island” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC noted that the previous conformity determination issued on June 27, 2016 for the activities associated with the current proposal continues to apply and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because the proposed study area has been extended to include the area of Pond Inlet which was not included in the original project.

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 commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **16YN048**, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Trent University’s “Impacts of Air Pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems on Baffin Island” 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 July 5, 2017 to the responsible Minister. The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB's 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: Impacts of Air Pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems on Baffin Island
- NIRB File No.: 16YN048
- Application No.: 125149

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.: 16YN048 (July 5, 2017)