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January 30, 2018

To: The Honourable Dominic Leblanc
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Re: Screening Decision for University of Manitoba’s “Community-driven Sea Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay” Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On December 13, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen University of Manitoba’s “Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin 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 commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 17YN071.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of University of Manitoba’s “Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research in the

Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay” 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 January 30, 2018 to the responsible Ministers. 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: Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay
- NIRB File No.: 17YN071
- Application No.: 125235

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Ministers and the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Ministers regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB’s Acting Director, Technical Services, Kelli Gillard at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 17YN071 (January 30, 2018)