



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT  
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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for University of Manitoba's "Community-driven Sea Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region**

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Dear Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier and Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dominic Leblanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and The Honourable David Joanase, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College for University of Manitoba's (U of M) "Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay" in the Kivalliq Region, dated January 30, 2018.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Ministers has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of section 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Natasha Lear, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4612 or [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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