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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" project proposal

Dear Ms. Thompson,

On January 31, 2018, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Qulliq Energy Corporation's "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

INAC is unable to offer comments on whether the proposed project is likely to arouse significant public concern since the project application does not contain any detailed records of community engagement/consultation activities undertaken by the Qulliq Energy Corporation (Proponent) to discuss the proposed activities.

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);

Projects of this nature typically do not generate significant impacts if appropriately managed. However, INAC's review of the project proposal and related documents identified the following areas needing clarification or improvement:



Tank Hydrostatic Testing:

The Proponent indicates that the water used for hydrostatic testing of the tank may be retrieved from two natural ponds near the power plant. It should be noted that the ponds have the potential to contain high turbidity due to industrial runoff as well as potentially shallow water columns. As the water is planned to be released into a stream adjacent to the power plant upon completion of the hydrostatic testing, and as noted by the Proponent, will eventually flow into the ocean, testing of the water quality (through sampling) prior to discharge is advised to ensure compliance with the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act. INAC also recommends the rate of discharge of the test water be managed and monitored to minimize sediment erosion, disturbance, and discharge into the ocean.

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 Julia Prokopick at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at julia.prokopick@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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