



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 17XN070**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Qulliq Energy Corporation's "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade", Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region

Dear Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier:

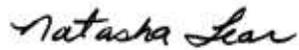
Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard for Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC; the Proponent) "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated March 22, 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 Minister 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 Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, 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 Minister 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 if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
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