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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for the University of Rhode Island (URI)'s "URI Northwest Passage Project 2018" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Amuno,

On June 01, 2018, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Rhode Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2018" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal;

The Proponent has identified two "negative and non-mitigable" and one "unknown" impacts in the impact identification matrix but did not describe the valued eco-systemic component/valued socio-economic component (VEC/VSEC) that would be impacted and why the impacts are either unknown or non-mitigable. INAC recommends that the Proponent clearly describes the impacted VEC/VSEC, the anticipated negative impacts and a rationale for designating the impacts as "negative and non-mitigable" and "unknown".

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Amal Roy at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at amal.roy@canada.ca.



Sincerely,

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