



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Department of National Defence's
"Transmit Array Antenna Farm" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region**

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development for Department of National Defence's "Transmit Array Antenna Farm" in the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region, dated March 27, 2019.

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*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*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 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 s. 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Cassel Kapolak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4605 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19XN012 (March 27, 2019)

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