



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

## Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "Kugaaruk Quarry Sites" Project Proposal



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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Government of Nunavut's "Kugaaruk Quarry Sites" Project Proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On November 1, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Government of Nunavut's "Kugaaruk Quarry Sites" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) 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.**

**CIRNAC #1: Acid Generation Potential**

CIRNAC notes that quarry activities may have some potential to generate acid as material is removed from the quarry. The acid generation potential is not mentioned in the Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures section of the NIRB report. It is unclear if the acid generation potential has been taken into consideration for the proposed activities.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarify if each proposed quarry site has been reviewed for acid generation potential.

**CIRNAC #2: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in Kugaaruk should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.



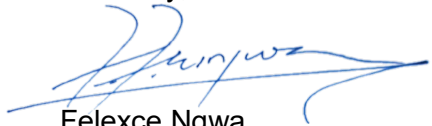
### **CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlet of Kugaaruk, community members, the Kurtairujuark Hunters & Trappers Organization, and any other parties that have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Safety precautions associated with quarrying activities and use of access roads;
- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities in close proximity to the project area;
- Employment, training, and contracting opportunities; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC 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 Richard Bingley by e-mail at [richard.bingley2@canada.ca](mailto:richard.bingley2@canada.ca) or David Abernethy at (867) 222-1610 or email at [david.abernethy@canada.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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