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CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Waterloo's "Measuring Glacier and Snow Changes in Grise Fiord" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for University of Waterloo's "Measuring Glacier and Snow Changes in Grise Fiord" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On March 2, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Waterloo's "Measuring Glacier and Snow Changes in Grise Fiord" 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: 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 Grise Fiord should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

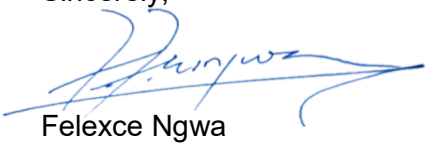
CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Grise Fiord, the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association, community members, and other organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;

- Experiences of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; 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 or Jalen Tagoona at (867) 975-4663 or email at jalen.tagoona@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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