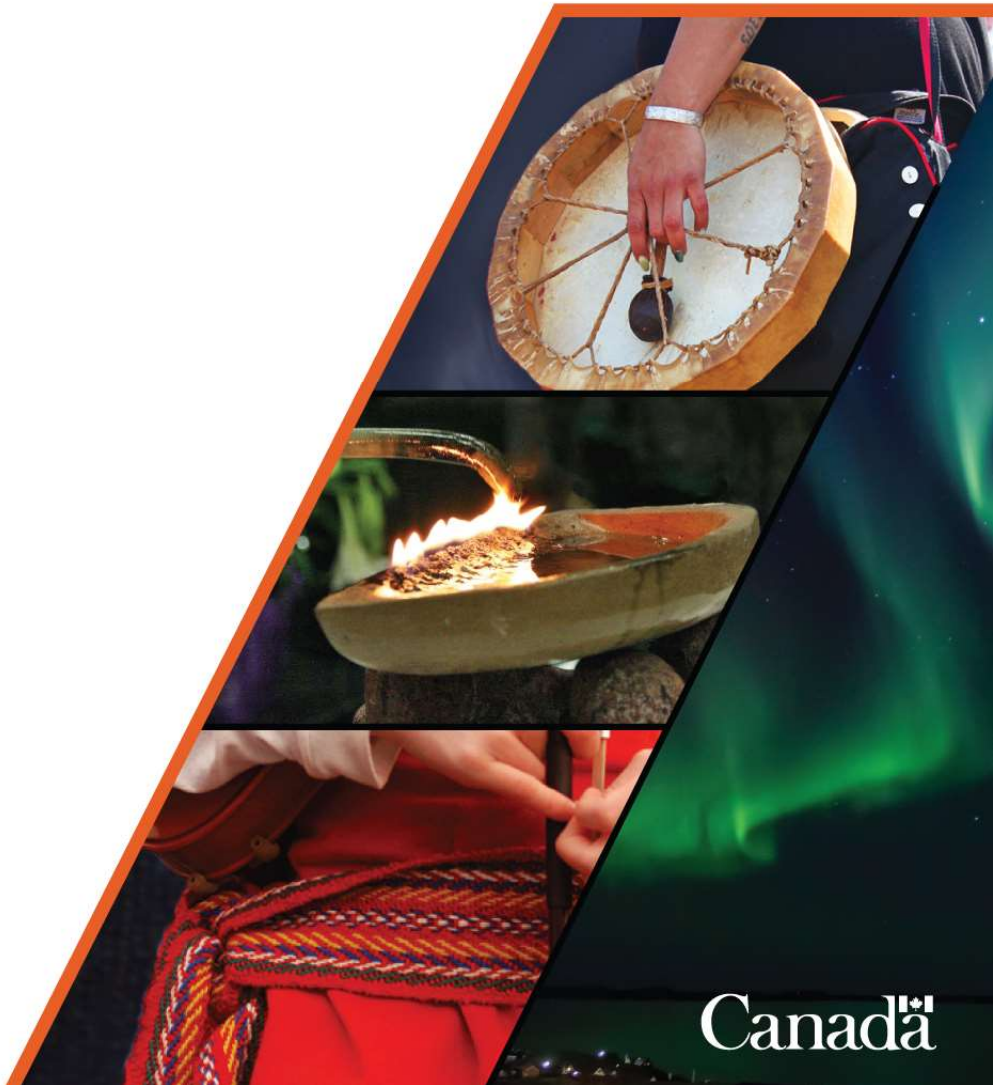




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Rae-co Consulting LTD's "TTMG Project" Project Proposal



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Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Rae-co Consulting LTD's "TTMG Project" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On March 8, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Rae-co Consulting LTD's "TTMG Project" 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: Contractor Activities

The Proponent indicates that contractors will be used to conduct drilling and helicopter activities. CIRNAC notes that all contractors are to follow the plans the Proponent has provided, and should be trained in appropriate environmental protection practices that the Proponent intends to employ.

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 Cambridge Bay 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 consult with the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay and the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include:

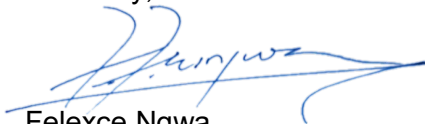
- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity 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 #3: Caribou Protection Measures

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent contact the Wildlife Management Division of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment to ensure adequate caribou protection measures are followed when carrying out project activities. Care should be exercised when flying a helicopter during the summer months to access project work sites so as to avoid any potential negative impacts to caribou.

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@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Jalen Tagoona at (867) 975-4663 or email at jalen.tagoona@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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