



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 22YN010**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Aqqiumavvik Society's "Understanding the impacts of climate change on Arctic nesting geese – a key towards Inuit food sovereignty in Arviat, Nunavut" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Lisa Pirie-Dominix:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change for Aqqiumavvik Society's "Understanding the impacts of climate change on Arctic nesting geese – a key towards Inuit food sovereignty in Arviat, Nunavut" in the Kivalliq Region, dated April 4, 2022.

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 Minister that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 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 Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 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 the undersigned at 867 (983) 4615 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 22YN010 (April 4, 2022)

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