



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for California Institute of Technology's "Reconstructing ancient sea level and seafloor conditions in the 1.9-billion-year-old Rocknest Formation" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for California Institute of Technology's "Reconstructing ancient sea level and seafloor conditions in the 1.9-billion-year-old Rocknest Formation" Project Proposal

Dear Emily Koide,

On March 28, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on California Institute of Technology's "Reconstructing ancient sea level and seafloor conditions in the 1.9-billion-year-old Rocknest Formation" 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 Kugluktuk 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 the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk and the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association. 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 reduce disturbances to wildlife and the environment;



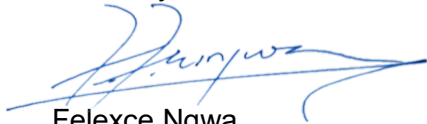
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC #3: Potential Identification of Archaeological and Paleontological Resources

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent contact the Government of Nunavut's Department of Culture and Heritage to determine if any actions are needed to ensure the protection of Nunavut's archaeological and paleontological resources. It would be able to provide any needed guidance or direction to the Proponent.

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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