



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Defence Construction
Canada's "DRDC- Northern Watch Technology
Demonstration Project" Proposal



GCDOCS # 105426788



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Defence Construction Canada
“Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project” Proposal**

Dear Keith Morrison,

On June 28, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Defence Construction Canada “Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project” proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB’S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Consultation with interested parties.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations of Pond Inlet, Artic Bay, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Resolute Bay who 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;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area; 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 phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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