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Sent via email: marie-claude.martel@pc.gc.ca and jane.chisholm@pc.gc.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Parks Canada's "Establishment of Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area" project proposal

Dear Marie-Claude Martel and Jane Chisholm:

On May 15, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Parks Canada's "Establishment of Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On August 3, 2023, the NIRB circulated a Public Notice of the Screening for this Project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by August 24, 2023.

On or before August 29, 2023, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (NIRB ID No. 346826)
- Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (NIRB ID No.346707)
- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (NIRB ID No. 346922)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125814.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relates to the following:

- Park Management, Operations, and Regulations within the National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA);
 - Existing vs. Future changes to regulatory processes and oversight of activities in the proposed project area

- Assessment of project proposals with activities happening only within the NMCA and proposals with activities both inside and outside the NMCA
- Impact Assessment within the proposed NMCA;
 - Impacts of increased tourism
 - Cumulative Effects
 - Lack of data in support of conclusions
- Impact on previously approved projects (e.g., Mary River Project); and
- Community engagement including affected, adjacent, and transboundary Indigenous groups.

The NIRB would like to provide Parks Canada with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **September 15, 2023**.

If Parks Canada determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125814.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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