



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023" Project Proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On June 26, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023" 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: Hazardous Waste Classification and Waste Disposal Procedures

The Proponent mentioned that hazardous waste will be held onboard until a suitable and certified waste disposal company can attend for offload. CIRNAC notes that the Proponent did not provide a description of the anticipated hazardous waste that would be generated and specific measures they will implement to ensure their waste products are disposed of at port facilities in a manner that minimizes negative environmental impacts to recipient terrestrial, marine, and freshwater ecosystems.

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent provide a description of the anticipated hazardous waste that will be generated from tourism activities and identify all measures that they will implement to prevent potential negative environmental impacts resulting from waste disposal activities at port facilities.

CIRNAC #2: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC acknowledges that the Proponent intends to pay landing fees to the Hamlet of Pangnirtung, providing a fiscal benefit to the community. CIRNAC recommends that the



Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Pangnirtung, as well as the 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.

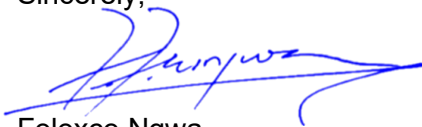
CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in contacting the Hamlet Office in Pangnirtung, and their commitments to consulting with Inuit guides, Hunters & Trappers Organizations, and communities. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with relevant interested Indigenous peoples, hamlets, and organizations. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of 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;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; 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 John MacInnis by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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