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# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Tetra Tech Canada Inc.'s "Chesterfield Inlet Sealift Facility Improvements Project, NU" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Tetra Tech Canada Inc.'s  
"Chesterfield Inlet Sealift Facility Improvements Project, NU" Project Proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On September 29, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Tetra Tech Canada Inc.'s "Chesterfield Inlet Sealift Facility Improvements Project, NU" 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: Fuel Management**

The Proponent has identified use of a backhoe to excavate and backfill the test pits for the sampling program. However, the Proponent has not identified any potential fuel impacts or information about fuel management.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent take all mitigative measures in handling fuel to avoid spills and minimize negative environmental impact.



## **CIRNAC 2: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in contacting the both the Mayor and the SAO from the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the interested parties, and all other relevant interested Inuit, Inuit organizations, community members, and community organizations in Chesterfield Inlet with an interest in the project.

As a 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 take part in traditional and non-traditional activities within or near the project area.
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance.
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members.
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned 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 Courtney White by e-mail at [courtney.white@cirnac-rcaanc.gc.ca](mailto:courtney.white@cirnac-rcaanc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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