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Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "CD-Wastewater Treatment Plant" Project Proposal

Dear Government of Nunavut:

On January 9, 2024 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut (GN)'s "CD-Wastewater Treatment Plant" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

On October 15, 2024 the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **24WA002** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 8, 2024 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On February 8, 2024 the NIRB released a formal correspondence requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. The NIRB followed up on numerous occasions via email (February 8, 2024 and

February 23, 2024) requesting an update on when the information would be provided, including releasing a second formal letter on February 23, 2024 pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*. On October 15, 2024 the Proponent provided the requested information and the NIRB commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125874.

Project:	CD-Wastewater Treatment Plant
Region:	Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region
Location:	Within the community of Kinngait
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to construct a new mechanical wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), replacing the existing wastewater treatment system.
Project Proposed Timeline:	Period of construction: May 2025 to December 2027 Period of Operations: January 2028 to December 2045

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construct a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP),
 - Quarry material to be extracted from an existing operating quarry;
- Use of a sewage truck, pickup truck, land rescaping heavy construction machinery, excavator, bulldozer, crane and forklift for the construction of the plant;
- Use of 10, 000 litres of diesel to resupply equipment, concrete mixers and portable power supply generators;
- Use of 647 kilograms of alum polymer annually;
- Use of fuel for operations;
- Hazardous waste such as paint, oil, etc., to be barged offsite of the municipality; and
 - Hazardous waste will be delivered to accredited hazardous waste disposal facility in the south.
- Use of the plant for a lifespan of 20 years.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125874 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *Kinngait Authorization Letter to the Nunavut Water Board*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Revised NIRB Application*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Government of Nunavut project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 25, 2024**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125874.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867)-983-4612 or tkuliktana@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

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