



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's
“Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine
Infrastructure” Project Proposal



Nunavut Regional Office
918 Sivumugiaq Street
Iqaluit, NU, X0A 3H0

Your file - Votre référence
24YN008
Our file - Notre référence
GCdocs#124485685

April 12, 2024

Francis Emingak
Screening Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Government of Nunavut's
"Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On April 3, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Government of Nunavut's "Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has reviewed the project proposal and related documents, and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request.

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

Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with both the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association on the proposed activities. In addition, CIRNAC recommends that the proponent consult with any other interested organizations or individuals.

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;
- 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 looks forward to working with the NIRB throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@cirnac-rcaanc.gc.ca, or David Abernethy at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bingley". The script is fluid and cursive.

Richard Bingley
A/Manager, Impact Assessment

