



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Turku's
"ISOLATED: Impact of Stability On Plasticity and Adaptation
Potential of Diatoms" Project Proposal



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August 23, 2024

Tundra Kuliktana
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 University of Turku's "ISOLATED: Impact of Stability On Plasticity and Adaptation Potential of Diatoms" Project Proposal

Dear Tundra Kuliktana,

On August 13, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Turku's "ISOLATED: Impact of Stability On Plasticity and Adaptation Potential of Diatoms" 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 the NIRB's request:

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

Consultation with Interested Parties

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife (especially whales) and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to 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 David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bingley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Richard Bingley
A/Manager, Impact Assessment

