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NPC File No.: 150444

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Sent via email: sgillis@qillaq.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Qillaq Innovations' "Sealift Laydown Area" Project Proposal

Dear Sandi Gillis:

On June 25, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Qillaq Innovations' "Sealift Laydown Area" 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 November 12, 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 **24XN035** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

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/125984.

Project:	Sealift Laydown Area
Region:	Kitikmeot
Location:	Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to construct a sealift laydown area, ramp, and pushout for boats and sealift cargo to be brought into the community or shipped out of the laydown area.

Project Proposed Timeline:	July 15 to August 31, 2025.
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According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construction of a 100 x 150 meter sealift laydown yard;
- Construction of a concrete boat ramp;
- Construction of a pushout/breakwater 25 meters long and 15 meters wide, extending approximately 13 meters out from the shoreline;
- Construction of an access road;
- Installation of power lines and street lighting for the access road and laydown area;
- Potential installation of a security fence around the laydown yard;
- Use of construction equipment (loaders, trucks, graders); and
- Use of material from existing quarries.

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/125984 and include:

- *NPC Application*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Sealift Laydown Area – Qillaq 2024*
- *NIRB Application Form*
- *Maps of the Sealift Laydown Area.*

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 Qillaq Innovations project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **January 10, 2025**.

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.

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/125984.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 1 (866) 233-3033 or rqammaniq@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Robby Qammaniq
Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

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