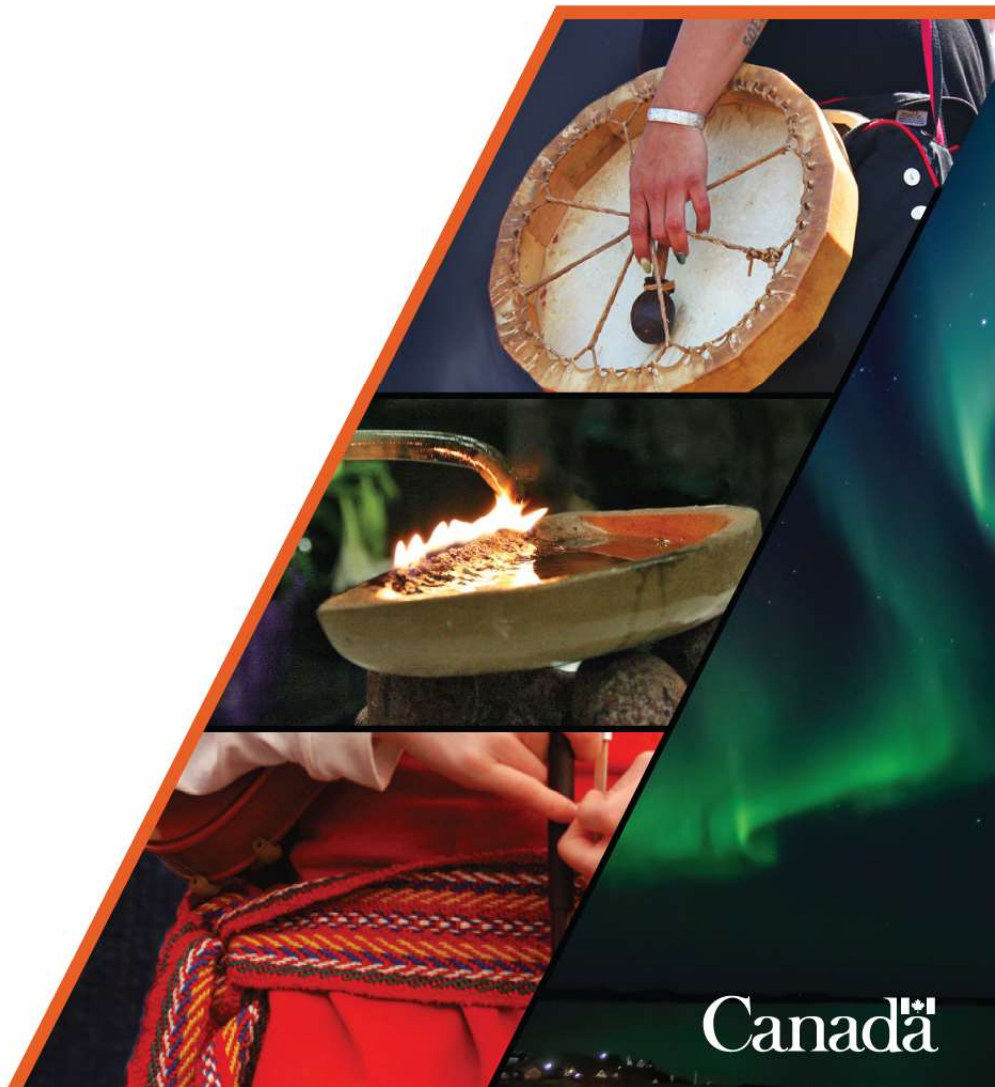




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for West Kitikmeot Resources Corporation's "Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project" Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for West Kitikmeot Resources Corporation's "Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project" Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On December 16, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on West Kitikmeot Resources Corporation's "Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project" proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent did not describe potential impacts from, or proposed mitigation measures associated with, drilling on groundwater in its management plans or application to the NIRB. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent update applicable management plans to clearly describe potential impacts of drilling on groundwater and proposed mitigation measures, including how it intends to manage any artesian flows that may be encountered during drilling.

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 John MacInnis or David Abernethy by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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