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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, P.C.  
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: [Rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca)

Re: **Screening Decision for Atha Energy Corporation's "Thelon Property" Proposal, Kivalliq Region**

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Dear Honourable Minister:

On May 24, 2024 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Atha Energy Corporation (AEC)'s "Thelon Property" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

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 commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number **24EN052**.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that Atha Energy Corporation's "Thelon Property" project **should be modified or abandoned**.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated June 18, 2025 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB's assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts, the Board's views, determination and conclusions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126012](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126012).

Please note that, the Board only directly addresses these notice letters to those individuals considered to be a "responsible Minister with decision-making authority" for the project as set out under the *NuPPAA*. However, regulatory authorities and other authorizing agencies associated with a proposed project (e.g. Regional Inuit Associations, Nunavut Water Board) will continue to be copied on the Notice of Release of the Screening Decision Report. The NIRB is providing these parties with notice and access to the Board's Screening Decision Report as required under s. 200(2) and in support of these parties in the fulfillment of their responsibilities under the *NuPPAA* and the *Nunavut Agreement* to address, and as appropriate, implement, to the fullest extent possible, any relevant NIRB recommendations contained in the Screening Decision Report.

The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Dionne Filiatrault, at [dfiliatrault@nirb.ca](mailto:dfiliatrault@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 24EN052 (June 18, 2025)

cc: Kono Tattuinee, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
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