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Sent via email: ryan.vanegen@cnresources.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Canadian North Resources Inc.'s "Ferguson Lake, Nunavut Environmental Baseline Studies" Project Proposal

Dear Ryan:

On January 14, 2025, the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening inviting interested parties to provide comments for Canadian North Resources Inc.'s "Ferguson Lake, Nunavut Environmental Baseline Studies" project proposal (NIRB File No.: 24YN037) by February 4, 2025.

On or before February 4, 2025, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNAC)
- Fisheries and Oceans and Canada (DFO)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Hugh Ikoe

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126014.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- CIRNAC recommended that the Proponent continue to gather information about how its development project may create additional negative pressures on terrestrial wildlife in the Kivalliq region, particularly on caribou and muskoxen.
- DFO stated that they are an Authorizing Agency but are not listed as an Authorizing Agency in the application.

- NIRB requests a list of licences or permits that would be required to conduct the project proposal
- NIRB requires a map of the Study Area(s) for the project proposal and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.
 - please provide the NIRB with a shape file or KML file of the Study Area(s). including where applicable the following items:
 - Research sites (specific locations identified within the broader geometry);
 - Territorial and/or national parks; and
 - Sensitive wildlife and wildlife habitat (e.g., migratory bird sanctuary).

The NIRB would like to provide Canadian North Resources Inc. with an opportunity to address the comments and requests noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **February 26, 2025**.

If Canadian North Resources Inc.'s determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4618 or rqammaniq@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Distribution List
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