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February 5, 2025

To: The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: [gary.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:gary.anand@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Screening Decision for the Hamlet of Kugaaruk’s “Kugaaruk Sealift Improvements Project” Proposal, Kitikmeot Region**

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Dear Honourable Minister:

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of the Hamlet of Kugaaruk’s “Kugaaruk Sealift Improvements Project” proposal is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *NuPPAA*.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated February 5, 2025, to the responsible Minister. 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 and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed and information about the project proposal is accessible from the NIRB’s Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126018](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126018).

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*. 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.

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister and the NIRB remains available for consultation regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Operations, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Kaviq Kaluraq  
Chairperson  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 24XN057 (February 5, 2025)

cc: The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Transport  
Aluki Kotierk, President, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.  
Robert Greenley, President, Kitikmeot Inuit Association