



NIRB File No.: 25XN036

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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request**

Dear Sheldon Dorey:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Hamlet of Baker Lake’s “Hamlet of Baker Lake Sealift Infrastructure” project proposal:

- April 22, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted positive conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, and
- July 15, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25XN036** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*<sup>1</sup> and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

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| <b>Location</b>  | Baker Lake, Kivalliq region  |
| <b>Objective</b> | The Proponent intends to construct an access road and sealift and laydown area approximately 500 meters from the community |
| <b>Timeline</b>  | Construction: May 2 to August 31, 2025. Operation: May 1, 2026 to August 31, 2075  |

<sup>1</sup> 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)

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of heavy equipment to construct the access road and the sealift laydown area, including: front-end loader, 3 rock trucks, roller compactor, crusher, screener, and 2 excavators;
- Collect, crush, and transport aggregates of rock from an existing quarry to the construction site;
- Construct drainage ditches and redirect surface water that is draining to the lake;
- Lay a foundation for the sealift area underwater; and,
- Refuel the heavy equipment vehicles at the local gas station.

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

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

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126188](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126188) including:

- *NPC Application Form*
- *NPC Conformity Determination Letter*
- *Project Overview by Worley Consulting*
- *Baker Lake Construction Environmental Management Plan*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 21, 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 including, if a Review is required, any additional factors that should be considered as part of that process.

For this assessment, the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are initiating a coordinated process<sup>2</sup> as the proposal would require a water licence, and the Proponent has indicated they wish to start the Water Licence application process at this time. As a result, the Proponent must provide information during the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process. At any time, the Proponent has the option to opt out of a coordinated process by providing the request in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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/126188](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126188). Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867) 983 – 4618 or [rquammaniq@nirb.ca](mailto:rquammaniq@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Impact Assessment Officer  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

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<sup>2</sup> The NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes for projects that require a water licence as per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.