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Sent via email: ftootoo@ssimicro.com

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request

Dear Frank Tootoo:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Peter's Expediting Ltd.'s "Aberdeen Lake-Pelly Lake Overland Haul" project proposal:

- November 19, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted that it conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, and
- November 19, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25RN083** - 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*¹ 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

Location	Kivalliq region, 300km Northwest of Baker Lake
Objective	The Proponent intends to construct a 300km winter trail to backhaul waste from Pelly Lake to Baker Lake for Salumaq Environmental and deliver fuel and supplies to Aberdeen Lake for Geiger Energy
Timeline	January to April 2026

¹ 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:

- The Proponent intends to construct and use a 300-kilometre winter trail to backhaul waste from Pelly Lake to Baker Lake and deliver fuel and supplies to Aberdeen Lake. This overland haul replaces the original plan to use an ice airstrip for flying out materials. The route includes three segments:
 - Baker Lake to Aberdeen Lake (~120 km): Existing PEL winter trail.
 - Aberdeen Lake to Sand Lake (~80 km): Historically travelled Inuit route confirmed by elders.
 - Sand Lake to Pelly Lake (~100 km): Terrain suitable for winter travel.
 - Trail preparation will include snowmobile scouting to avoid sensitive wildlife areas, packing snow and building ramps to maintain separation from bare ground, and approximately 7–10 days of initial route confirmation and compaction.
- Use of four (4) CAT trains pulling three (3) to five (5) sleds each;
- 12 foot by 20-foot ATCO trailer on CAT train to be used as temporary camp;
- Use of ice profiler and ice auger to determine ice thickness on lakes and ponds to ensure thickness for CAT train;
- Use of 5,000-watt generator for temporary camp;
- Use and storage of up to 20,000 litres of fuel for project activities;
- All waste produced during the proposed project to be returned to Baker Lake for proper disposal
- The proponent anticipates that the total operational period of hauling will take approximately 40 days, with crews working 12-hour shifts and stopping overnight for rest

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified

- no additional works or activities related 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/126252 including:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *25RN070 Comments and Response to Comments*
- *2015 INAC [CIRNAC] Applications*
- *AANDC [CIRNAC] Land Use Permit*
- *Contaminated Goods Storage Inspection Form*
- *Emergency Management Plan*
- *Interview with Elder*
- *KivIA Amending Agreement*
- *Land Use Permit Extension*
- *Safety Management Plan*

- *Spill Response Policy*
- *Wildlife and Land Management Policy*
- *Winter Trail 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 **December 23, 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send comments to the NIRB via email at 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/126252. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867)983-4622 or mbeattie@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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

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