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Sent via email: marineoperations@gov.nu.ca , victoria@dynamicocean.ca

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut's "Kimmirut Sealift Field Program" project proposal

Dear Grant Woodbury:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening[1] the project proposal.

By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by February 12, 2026.

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

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry (link) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax 867-983-2594.

1 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*)

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	South Qikiqtani Region, encompassing the Kimmirut Sealift Study Area and associated Quarry Study Areas, including potential quarry locations and access routes within and adjacent to the Hamlet of Kimmirut.
Objective	The Proponent intends to carry out marine and terrestrial field programs to collect environmental, geotechnical, geophysical, archaeological, and topographic data to support the detailed design and permitting of sealift safety improvements in Kimmirut.
Timeline	February 27, 2026 to December 21, 2031 (seasonal)

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

- Project includes marine and terrestrial field programs to collect environmental, geotechnical, geophysical, archaeological, and topographic baseline data to support sealift design and permitting.

  a) Geophysical Works: Multibeam echosounder surveys and Sub-bottom profiling.
  b) Geotechnical Works: Borehole drilling, Test pits and Rock and fill sampling.
  c) Topographic Works: Drone-based topographic surveys
  d) Environmental Works: Subtidal ROV surveys, Intertidal surveys, Sediment quality, sampling, Water quality sampling, Wildlife surveys (incidental observations), Vegetation surveys
  e) Archaeological Works: Archaeological field studies

- Fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters will be used for personnel and equipment mobilization to and from Kimmirut; boats, ATVs, and limited on-foot access will be used to access study areas and conduct surveys.

- Temporary short-duration field camps may be established to support survey crews, with a maximum of approximately 15 personnel presents at any time.

- Transport, storage, and use of fuel to support vessels, equipment, and temporary camp operations

- Drilling, test pits, and subsurface investigations may be conducted at the sealift site and potential quarry locations to confirm seabed and rock conditions.

- Freshwater withdrawal for camp operations and drilling activities.

- Generation and handling of solid and liquid wastes associated with camp and field program activities

- Project activities are confined to Nunavut and are focused on the sealift study area and potential quarry sites near Kimmirut, with all personnel and materials entering and leaving through the community.

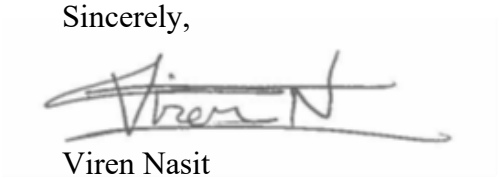
Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional work 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 867-983-4604 or vnasit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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