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Sent via email: jason.maas@polar-polaire.gc.ca

Re: **Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Polar Knowledge Canada's (PKC) "Polar Resource Monitoring Station" project proposal**

Dear Jason Maas:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ 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 June 4, 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 www.nirb.ca/project/126422 where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

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 proposal

Location	Kitikmeot region, <i>Within the Municipal boundary of Cambridge Bay</i>
Objective	The Proponent intends to build a solar and weather monitoring station to track and compile meteorological and solar resource data.
Timeline	June 2026 to June 2036

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- **Equipment:** Use of a truck to haul equipment and personnel to and from the site, Installation and operation of a sun tracker and instruments to measure wind, temperature, humidity, snow depth, precipitation, and solar radiation, including the use of two tripods and two small platforms.
- **Power & Data:** The station would be plugged into the local power grid and the use of Starlink internet to send data.
- **Fuel:** Use of approximately 20 gallons of gasoline to fill truck when needed.
- **Waste:** Any garbage generated will be taken to an approved waste facility.

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.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 Ext 570 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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