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Via Email: Tamara.VanDyck@dcc-cdc.gc.ca

RE: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Annual Report for the Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project

Dear Tamara Van Dyck:

Thank you for submitting Defence Research and Development Canada's 2011 annual report for the Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) as recommended in the June 19, 2008 Screening Decision Report.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements of the Screening Decision Report recommended the following:

The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and NIRB by each March 31st of operation period. The report must contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

- a. A summary of activities undertaken for the reporting years, including local hires and initiatives;
- b. A work plan for the following year;
- c. A wildlife monitoring report with a "Wildlife Log" to record and map wildlife (both terrestrial and marine mammals) observations and critical habitats including:
 - Location (i.e., latitude and longitude), Number of animals and Species;
 - Description of the gender and age of animals if possible;
 - Description of the animal activity (behaviour prior to encounter and response to human presence);
 - Timing of critical life history events observed for all wildlife including terrestrial and marine species (i.e. calving, mating, denning, nesting, migration, etc.);
 - All potential impacts to wildlife from project activities;
 - All actions / mitigation measures taken to reduce adverse impacts to wildlife; and

- An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented with regards to wildlife based on the results of the “Wildlife Log”.
- d. Site photos before and after project conduction;
- e. A summary of how the Proponent has complied with the NIRB terms and conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and the terms and conditions associated with all authorizations for the project.

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that the Annual Report contains the above specified information and there are no deficiencies to note.

Thank you for providing the information requested by the Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (867) 983-4611 or at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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