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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

**Re: Application Acknowledgement for Environment Canada's Land Use Permit Amendment
Application with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the "Eureka Weather
Station Facility" Project**

Dear Davin St. Pierre,

On September 2, 2015, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited Parties to comment on Environment Canada's application to amend its Land Use Permit (AANDC No. N2012N0012), and for additional Quarry Permits to upgrade infrastructure at the Eureka site. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:

The Proponent is proposing to include a temporary Shanco modular camp facility with a capacity of up to 50 people as part of its amendment application. It is understood from the application documents that while the construction crew will be housed in this modular camp rather than at the station itself, sewage from this camp will be hauled to the Eureka sewage lagoon. Supporting documents submitted state that, "*The current lagoon has been estimated to be large enough to accommodate a population of 21 persons. This severely limits the number of people the station can house.*" It is unclear from the documentation provided if the facilities sewage lagoon has the holding capacity for up to 50 additional people or what alternative methods or options are available to handle additional waste. AANDC recommends Environment Canada clarify what options are available should the existing Eureka sewage lagoon have insufficient capacity.

As well, AANDC understands that the work is scheduled to take place from August to September 2015 and June to September of 2016 and 2017. From the construction timeline outlined in the application documents provided, it appears work may have been carried out during the summer of 2015. If this is the case, AANDC recommends the proponent send details of work completed prior to the issuance of a NIRB Screening Decision Report to the NIRB for the public record.

AANDC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working further with the NIRB and Environment Canada, as necessary, throughout any further review related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Markey at (867) 975-4587 or by e-mail at Andrea.Markey@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.



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Sincerely,

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