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Via email: [kmorgan@uvic.ca](mailto:kmorgan@uvic.ca)

**Re: Application Acknowledgement and Clarification Request for Cambridge Bay Undersea Observatory Project Amendment Request**

Dear Dr. Kate Morgan

On February 10, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) for an amendment to Scientific Research Licence (No. 04 007 14R-M) associated with NEPTUNE Canada's "Cambridge Bay Undersea Observatory" project proposal.

The NIRB has read your request for additional activities to be conducted in conjunction with the observatory that is in place. The NIRB finds that it requires clarification in order to properly consider this amendment request. Specifically, the NIRB is requesting the following information by February 26, 2014.

- *How will seawater and mud/sediment samples be collected (i.e., general protocol)?*
- *How many samples of what size will be collected of the seawater and mud/sediment and will those samples be taken out of Nunavut for further analysis?*
- *What methods will be used to collect specimens of seafloor life, how many will be collected and will these be taken out of Nunavut for further study?*
- *What type of ship do you anticipate using for these activities?*
- *How many days do you anticipate collecting the samples? Will this be a part of the project for just this year or will it be conducted annually?*
- *Will this amendment require additional personnel on site to conduct the project?*

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Gillard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

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Technical Advisor  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Moshia Cote, Nunavut Research Institute