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Sent via email: rodney.watson@forces.gc.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Department of National Defence's Clarification and Resubmission of its "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal

Dear Rodney Watson:

On June 28, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Department of National Defence (the DND or the Proponent) in response to the NIRB's January 16, 2013 Screening Decision Report for the "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal, providing clarification on the deficiencies identified by the NIRB in the original project proposal. On August 19, 2013 the DND submitted an updated "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal to the NIRB for Screening pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

On August 30, 2013 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal to provide comments directly to the NIRB by September 20, 2013.

On or before September 20, 2013 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Hamlet of Arctic Bay
- Nyrstar Canada (Holdings) Ltd.
- Government of Canada, Federal Departments
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2013/09DN018-DND-Nanisivik%20Naval%20Facility/>.

The NIRB would like to provide DND with an opportunity to address all the comments and concern raised by parties prior to the Board making its decision to the Minister. The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **October 7, 2013**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly at 1-866-233-3033 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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