



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 09DN018**

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Via email: Jeff.Mercer@aandc.gc.ca; landsmining@aandc.gc.ca; rob.nicholson.a2@parl.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Department of National Defence's "Nanisivik Naval Facility" Project Proposal, North Baffin Region, NIRB File No. 09DN018

Dear Jeff Mercer and Maureen Murphy:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of National Defence, for the Department of National Defence's "Nanisivik Naval Facility" in the North Baffin Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

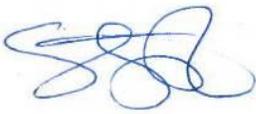
"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 09DN018, signed on October 24, 2013 by Phillip Kadlun at Kugluktuk, Nunavut has been issued to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Department of National Defence (DND) and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the DND.

The NIRB is aware of AANDC and DND's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC and DND send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Stephanie Taptuna, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4610 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Taptuna
Environmental Administrator

cc: Rodney Watson, Department of National Defence
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Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Christopher Tickner, Nunavut Planning Commission
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 09DN018)