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**Re: Notice of Screening for University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" project proposal**

Dear Solomon Amuno,

On February 12, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the project proposal and related documents and offers the following comments for the NIRB's consideration.

***Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;***

INAC cannot offer comments on whether the project is likely to arouse significant public concern as consultation(s) with the affected communities appears to have not occurred to date, as indicated in the Proponent's Project Application #124598 document. INAC recommends the Proponent conduct information session(s) and/or consultation(s) prior to commencing the work.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout the regulatory process related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Markey at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at [Andrea.Markey@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Andrea.Markey@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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