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To: The Honourable Paul Quassa
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and

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Re: Screening Decision for University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" Project Proposal, North Baffin Region

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa and Ms. Catherine McKenna:

On January 27, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission, with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 16YN002.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated March 24, 2016 to the responsible Ministers. The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2016/>

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Ministers. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 16YN002 (March 24, 2016)