



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 16YN002**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" Project Proposal, North Baffin Region, NIRB File No. 16YN002

Dear Moshia Cote and Mia Pelletier:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Paul Quassa, Minister for Nunavut Arctic College and Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister for Environment and Climate Change for University of Toronto's "Lake Ice in the Canadian High Arctic" Project Proposal, North Baffin Region, dated March 24, 2016.

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, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister(s) that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to

issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of section 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Laura Brown, University of Toronto
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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 16YN002)