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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

**Re: Notice of Screening for Qikiqtaaluk Environmental Inc.'s "Environmental Waste Processing Facility" project proposal;**

Dear Ms. Rasmussen,

On March 9, 2016, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Part 4 Screening for Qikiqtaaluk Environmental Inc.'s "Environmental Waste Processing Facility" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

As the Proponent states in their application, "no public consultation has been done in relation to this project"; therefore, INAC cannot offer comments on whether the project is likely to arouse significant public concern.

**Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;**

INAC believes that with appropriate management and mitigation, the proposed activities are not likely to lead to significant environmental or socio-economic impacts. However, after reviewing the project proposal and provided plans, INAC noted that the Proponent states "it is not necessary to transport treated water, as water will be discharge at an approved location on the facility property". As the discharge location is yet to be determined, it was not included in INAC's assessment of eco-systemic effects.

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.**

The Proponent states that they will be offering pick-up services for the "transport of waste materials from client locations to the transfer station", which "will be carried out by TDGR-trained drivers trained in vehicles equipped for the transport of such materials". INAC would appreciate clarification from Qikiqtaaluk Environmental Inc. whether there's potential for client to opt for self-delivery, and if there is, whether Qikiqtaaluk Environmental Inc. will be ensuring that they meet the same delivery standards identified.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working further with the NIRB and the Proponent, as necessary, throughout any further review related to this project. Should you



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have any questions, please contact Laura Harris at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at [laura.harris@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:laura.harris@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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