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June 29, 2016

To: The Honourable Paul Quassa  
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Re: **Screening Decision for the University of Calgary's "Arctic Carbonates, Sandstones and Volcanic Rocks – North Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut" Project Proposal, Oikiqtani Region**

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Dear Mr. Quassa:

On April 14, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the University of Calgary's "Arctic Carbonates, Sandstones and Volcanic Rocks – North Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) due to significant modification to the original project proposal. The NPC noted that the conformity determination issued on January 29, 2010 still applied to this proposal.

Pursuant to section 86 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **10YN009**, the NIRB views this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of University of Calgary's "Arctic Carbonates, Sandstones and Volcanic Rocks – North Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut" 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 June 29, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). 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 online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Arctic carbonates, sandstones and volcanic rocks, Northern Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut
- NIRB File No.: 10YN009
- Application No.: 124660

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. 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](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 10YN009 (June 29, 2016)