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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

**Re: Notice of Screening for CAF's "Operation Nanook 2016" project proposal**

Dear Ms. Gillard,

On June 14, 2016, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) "Operation Nanook 2016" 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;**

INAC notes the Proponent does not outline any concerns or preferences regarding the project expressed by local communities and how the proponent intends to address any issues. INAC recommends the Proponent ensure it has carried out meaningful consultation, and that it incorporate relevant recommendations and address any concerns by affected parties prior to commencing project activities. These consultations may include the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board and the municipalities of Ranklin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, amongst others.

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

Of particular concern to INAC is the proximity of Operation Nanook 2016 to the Qamanirjuaq Calving Area. Caribou in the Qamanirjuaq Calving Area may be especially susceptible and negatively impacted by disturbances such as excessive noise from the proposed activities. INAC notes that the Proponent has not included in the project proposal measures to mitigate negative impacts on caribou populations in the area. INAC encourages the Proponent to contact the Land Administration division of INAC to ensure compliance with any requirements related to Land Use Permits (LUP) and work activities.

**Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and**

The Proponent states that all waste material will be contained and transported to municipal facilities for disposal but there is no mention of disposal of spent ammunition casings. Furthermore, when planning field camps and associated activities (i.e., water usage and sewage and greywater pits), INAC recommends the Proponent familiarize themselves with best practices outlined in INAC's Northern Land



Use Guidelines – Camp and Support Facilities (available at: [https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-NWT/STAGING/texte-text/nlug6\\_1313789162200\\_eng.pdf](https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-NWT/STAGING/texte-text/nlug6_1313789162200_eng.pdf)). The Proponents should also conform to fuel and chemical storage standards. For example, all re-fuelling of equipment and fuel and chemical storage must take place a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters away from the high water mark of any body of water.

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

Should the project be approved, it is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure it complies with all permits and authorizations required to undertake the proposed project. Likewise, it is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure any cooperative agreements for accommodations, or otherwise, also comply with valid permits and authorizations.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman M. Scully at (867) 975-4741 or by e-mail at [norman.scully@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:norman.scully@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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