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RE: Acknowledgement of the 2015 Annual Report for Defence Construction Canada's "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration" Project

Dear Tamara Van Dyck:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Defence Construction Canada's 2015 annual report for the "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration" project on March 31, 2016 as required pursuant to the Screening Decision Report, dated June 9, 2008.

Term and Conditions states:

The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and NIRB by each March 31st of operation period. The report must contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

- a. A summary of activities undertaken for the reporting years, including local hires and initiatives;*
- b. A work plan for the following year;*
- c. A wildlife monitoring report with a "Wildlife Log" to record and map wildlife (both terrestrial and marine mammals) observations and critical habitats including:*
 - Location (i.e., latitude and longitude), Number of animals and Species;*
 - Description of the gender and age of animals if possible;*
 - Description of the animal activity (behaviour prior to encounter and response to human presence);*

- *Timing of critical life history events observed for all wildlife including terrestrial and marine species (i.e. calving, mating, denning, nesting, migration, etc.);*
 - *All potential impacts to wildlife from project activities;*
 - *All actions / mitigation measures taken to reduce adverse impacts to wildlife; and*
 - *An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented with regards to wildlife based on the results of the “Wildlife Log”.*
- d. *Site photos before and after project conduction;*
- e. *A summary of how the Proponent has complied with the NIRB terms and conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and the terms and conditions associated with all authorizations for the project.*

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that Defence Construction Canada’s 2015 annual report for the “Northern Watch Technology Demonstration” project contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note. However, the site photos were not included in the 2015 annual report as required by the term and conditions of the NIRB’s Screening Decision Report. Please provide site photos in the upcoming annual reports.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4609 or at johokannoak@nirb.ca

Sincerely,



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