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Via email: info@nirb.com

**RE: 16YN046 – Advisian – Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies,
Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development – NIRB Screening**

Attention: Sophia Granchinho

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding the above-mentioned screening. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The following comment is provided:

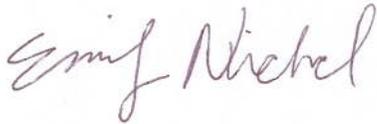
Disposal at Sea

1. If disposal at sea is to be used for the Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development Project, the Proponent will need to provide the information required in the Disposal at Sea permit application (see <http://www.ec.gc.ca/iem-das/default.asp?lang=En&n=CD27DC6F-1> for more details). Briefly, the application will require the delineation and characterization of the load (dredge) site as well as the identification and characterization of a disposal site. The requirements of the Disposal at Sea program may go beyond what is considered "baseline studies," however, understanding what will be needed in the regulatory phase when designing the baseline studies, may help the Proponent design sampling programs to address both baseline and regulatory needs.

Information or advice to facilitate the preparation of a permit application, the collection of supporting information and regarding best management practices for dredging and sediment management can be obtained by contacting Mark Dahl, Environmental Assessment and Ocean Disposal Specialist, at (204)983-4815 or Mark.Dahl@canada.ca.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867)669-4732 or Emily.Nichol@canada.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emily Nichol". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Nichol
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