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Sent via email: margaret.e.scott@advisian.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" Project Proposal

Dear Margaret Scott:

On February 15, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut (GN or Proponent) "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" Project Proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On July 7, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by July 28, 2017.

On or before August 1, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Deep Sea Port
- NIRB File No.: 17XN021
- Application No.: 125103

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- Concerns regarding public access (including local hunters) to the area during construction; recommend the Proponent outline plans to manage and/or restrict traffic during construction and how local usage of the area was addressed.

- Concerns regarding the cumulative effects of climate change; recommend the Proponent discuss any considerations made during project design and proposed operations to address this.
- Concerns regarding waste production during operation; recommend the Proponent consider providing additional detail on waste management practices during operations.
- Concerns regarding onshore erosion, sediment control, and water management during construction; recommend the Proponent clarify the methods it intends to use to manage these risks.
- Concerns regarding acid rock drainage (ARD) in the cut rock on site; recommend the Proponent clarify what contingencies would be used should ARD be identified.
- Concerns regarding emergency response plan for both construction and operations; recommend the Proponent provide information regarding its emergency response plans for the facilities.
- Clarification regarding the location of the three infrastructure projects (Deep Sea Port, Small Craft Harbour, and Airport Lighting Extension) proposed for Frobisher Bay; recommend the Proponent provide a comprehensive map illustrating the locations of all three projects.

The NIRB would like to provide the Government of Nunavut with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **August 16, 2017**.

If the GN determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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