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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Small Craft Harbour" 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 - Small Craft Harbour" Project Proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On July 17, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by August 7, 2017.

On or before August 8, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs 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](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Small Craft Harbour
- NIRB File No.: 17XN022
- Application No.: 125146

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

- Concerns regarding potential for increased vessel activity in Koojesse Inlet; recommend the Proponent discuss any considerations made during project design and proposed

operations to address possible increases to local vessel activity as a result of the project and provide additional detail on any residual or significant adverse effects that may result from the project.

- Concerns regarding impacts to the marine environment as a result of onshore erosion, and lack of sediment control, and water management during construction and lack of clarity on the monitoring programs to be implemented; recommend the Proponent clarify mitigation measures to address these potential impacts and provide additional detail on its marine monitoring program.
- Concerns regarding potential for acid rock drainage (ARD) in the cut rock on site; recommend the Proponent clarify what contingencies would be used should ARD be identified.
- Reference to emergency response plan in application, but no detail provided on what types of emergencies would be considered during response planning for either construction or operations which leads to uncertainties in understanding possible impacts of the project; recommend the Proponent provide an overview of the types of emergencies that may arise from the project and the types of mitigation or plans that may be employed to address the impacts.
- 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.
- Clarification required on 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 Ministers. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **August 30, 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](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

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

Sincerely,



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