



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for University of Manitoba's
"Churchill Marine Observatory – Environmental Observing (CMO-EO) System"
Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region and Kivalliq Region**

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard for University of Manitoba's "Churchill Marine Observatory – Environmental Observing (CMO-EO) System" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region and Kivalliq Region, dated May 29, 2018.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Cassel Kapolak, NIRB's Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4605 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassel Kapolak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cassel" and last name "Kapolak" clearly distinguishable.

Cassel Kapolak
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cc: C.J. Mundy, University of Manitoba

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 18YN016)