



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18UN050

Project Name: The “Undersea Fibre Optic Cable Installation” project
Proponent Name: Government of Nunavut (GN)
Project Type: Other Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125425
Comment Deadline: **January 16, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Undersea Fibre Optic Cable Installation” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, involving an undersea fibre optic cable from Nuuk to Iqaluit, Kimmirut and Cape Dorset, and a separate cable from Sanikiluaq to Québec. The Proponent intends to conduct a cable laying/installation, and construction of shore landings. The program is proposed to take place from May 2019 to December 2020. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Laying of a main-trunk submarine cable from Nuuk to Iqaluit, Kimmirut, and Cape Dorset, with infrastructure to allow later expansion up the east coast of Baffin Island and into Hudson Bay
- Installation of cable via self-contained vessels
- Laying of a submarine cable from Sanikiluaq to the Kativik Regional Government system in Nunavik
- Construction of landing sites in Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, and Sanikiluaq;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18UN050** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Keith Morrison, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.