



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN051

Project Name: The “Carboniferous Basins in Svalbard, Canada and the Barents Sea (CBS2)” project

Proponent Name: University of Oslo

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125431

Comment Deadline: **January 28, 2019**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Carboniferous Basins in Svalbard, Canada and the Barents Sea (CBS2)” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, approximately 250 kilometres (km) north from Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to study and collect of 360-325-million-year-old sedimentary rocks in North West Devon Island to investigate the context of deposition of the rocks and compare them to analogous rocks in Svalbard and the Barents Sea (Norway). The program is proposed to take place from July to August 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of Twin Otter to transport two (2) personnel from Resolute Bay to Grinnell Peninsula and/or Polar Continental Shelf Program (PCSP) airstrip;
- Use of helicopter to transport 2 personnel from the Twin Otter landing site to the temporary camp site;
- Establishment of temporary camp site with the use of three (3) tents;
- Use of a hammer and chisel for the collection of approximately 70 small rocks

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18YN051** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Talia Maksagak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [tmaksagak@nirb.ca](mailto:tmaksagak@nirb.ca).