



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 18YN051**

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To: Mosha Cote
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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for University of Oslo's
"Carboniferous Basins in Svalbard, Canada and the Barents Sea (CBS2)" Project
Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region**

Dear Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Patterk Nester, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College for University of Oslo's "Carboniferous Basins in Svalbard, Canada and the Barents Sea (CBS2)" in the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region, dated February 13, 2019.

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*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*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 s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark 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
Environmental Administrator

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 18YN051 (February 13, 2019)

cc: Jean-Baptiste Koehl, University of Oslo
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
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