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Dear Ms. Copland:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2019, and for the enclosed screening decision (NIRB 18UN050, NPC 148937) of the Nunavut Impact Review Board for the Government of Nunavut's project proposal entitled the Undersea Fibre Optic Cable Installation, Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut.

Under section 92(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the Nunavut Impact Review Board must submit a written report to the responsible Minister. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has recommended, pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, that a review of the project is not required. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has also recommended specific terms and conditions that are appropriate for this project. I agree that a review of the project is not required and, pursuant to 93(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, that the assessment of the project has been completed and the proponent may carry out the project, subject to section 74(f), and obtain any licence, permit, or other authorization required by law. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

In order to expedite the issuance of regulatory authorizations, it is important that the appropriate regulatory authorities are advised of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's screening decisions. For this reason, I appreciate your efforts to copy the Land Administration Unit of the Department's Nunavut regional office on this and other screening decisions.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tracey McCaie, Manager of Land Administration for the Nunavut Region, by telephone at 867-975-4280 or by email at [tracey.mccaie@canada.ca](mailto:tracey.mccaie@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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