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Sent via email: jonathan.fisher@mi.mun.ca

Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 2 for Memorial University of Newfoundland's "Testing industrial vessel to survey Canadian Arctic gateway ecosystems" Project Proposal

Dear Jonathan Fisher:

On July 17, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Memorial University of Newfoundland's (MUN) "Testing industrial vessel to survey Canadian Arctic gateway ecosystems" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

At that time, pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB had commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number **19YN037**.

On July 17, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to commence screening.

On August 7, 2019 the NIRB released a formal letter, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On August 20, 2019 the NIRB received the information from the Proponent, and following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to

carry out its screening and on August 21, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the requested information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. The NIRB followed up via email (August 28, 2019) requesting an update on when the information would be provided through the NIRB's online application. To date, the Board has not received the requested information or notification regarding when the information would be made available and the NIRB is again requesting submission of the additional information as outlined in [Appendix A](#) and for the information to be provided by **September 16, 2019**. If MUN determines that the time required to supply the required information is greater than one (1) week, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible. Please note that if the Proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, it is in MUN's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867)- 983- 4607 or cbarker@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request #2

Enclosure (1): Information Request # 1 for the "Memorial University of Newfoundland's "Testing industrial vessel to survey Canadian Arctic gateway ecosystems"" Project Proposal, [August 7, 2019]

Appendix A: Information Request # 2
for Memorial University of Newfoundland's "Testing industrial vessel to survey Canadian
Arctic gateway ecosystems"
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*
NIRB File No. 19YN037

1. TOPIC/ISSUE: NIRB's Online Application Form

REFERENCE: *Proponent's Guide (2018)*¹: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires the Proponent to fully complete the online application form in order to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to ensure sufficient information has been provided to commence screening.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB's online application form at www.nirb.ca, pursuant to the NIRB's project application requirements. Specifically, the NIRB requires the following information to be filled into the online application form:

- Project Authorizations required for the research project (e.g., Scientific Research Licence from the Nunavut Research Institute), under the "Activities" tab;
- Community Involvement and/or community consultation conducted or to be conducted, under the "Activities" tab;
- Total number of days on site, under the "Details/Personnel" tab;
- Fuel and hazardous materials usage associated with the project, under the "Materials and Waste" tab, if applicable. If no usage for the project, reference to MSV Botnica sufficient;
- Detailed types of waste associated with the project, under the "Materials and Waste" tab, if applicable. If no wastes for the project, reference to MSV Botnica sufficient;
- A disclaimer regarding the use of the MSV Botnica, which has been previously screened by the NIRB, under the "Additional Information" tab.

The Proponent is recommended to review the Help Boxes associated with the NIRB's online application form when completing the application.

¹ <http://www.nirb.ca/guides>