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To: Distribution List

Re: **Public Engagement Summary Report for the NIRB's Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait**

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) recently facilitated the final public engagement sessions for the Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait (the SEA; NIRB File No. 17SN034). From November 19-28, 2019 the NIRB held public engagement sessions in the Qikiqtani communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Kimmirut. The objective of these meetings was to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Final SEA Report issued to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs on July 31, 2019 and the next steps for the SEA.

Support and participation was provided by representatives of the SEA working group: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the Government of Nunavut. The enclosed report provides a summary of the comments received in the communities visited. The NIRB greatly appreciates the public input for the SEA and would like to thank all the communities for the warm hospitality offered to the NIRB staff and SEA working group during their recent visits.

All information relating to the NIRB's SEA can be accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125087. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the summary report or the SEA, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at hiasmussen@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4606.

Please be advised that Inuktitut and French translations of this summary report will follow as soon as they become available.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NIRB Summary Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay
and Davis Strait Public Engagement Sessions – November 19-28, 2019