



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s "Ferguson Lake" Project Proposal



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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

**Re: Notice of Screening for Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s  
"Ferguson Lake" Project Proposal;**

Dear Jaida Ohokannoak,

On January 8, 2020, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s "Ferguson Lake" Project Proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

**Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide a brief written summary of any interaction with Hamlet of Baker Lake and community members on its planned Project activities. This summary should describe meeting dates; types of interaction (e.g., telephone call, email correspondence, in-person visit; etc.); matters discussed; and any agreed upon next steps.

**Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);**

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated with known practices or technology.



CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent:

- Winter routes should be selected that maximize the use of frozen water bodies
- Equipment or vehicles should not be moved unless the ground surface is capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. If rutting occurs, overland travel of equipment or vehicles must be suspended
- Avoid disturbance on slopes prone to natural erosion; seek alternate locations for routing
- Minimize approach grades at winter lake/stream crossings and construct approaches entirely of ice and snow materials. Ice or snow free of sediment should be the only construction materials for temporary crossings over any ice-covered watercourse
- Use existing trails where possible during Project activities on land
- Drip pans or other equivalent device should be used when refueling equipment. Secondary containment or a surface liner (e.g., self-supporting instaberms and fold-a-tanks) to be used at all refueling stations
- Re-fuelling of all equipment should occur a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any waterbody

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider how it will involve the community Baker Lake in its Project. The following points should be explored:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the Project design;
- Briefing community members on planned activities;
- Briefing community members on monitoring results; and,
- Training and economic opportunities for community members.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this Project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley at (867) 975-4556 or by e-mail at [Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca](mailto:Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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