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Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request #2 for Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Renewal and Amendment of the Resolute Bay Utilidor System” Project Proposal

Dear Bhabesh Roy:

On December 19, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS or the Proponent) “Renewal and Amendment of the Resolute Bay Utilidor System” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

On December 19, 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 *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to commence screening. On January 10, 2020 the NIRB released a formal letter requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal.

On January 21, 2020 GN-CGS provided an application and the NIRB has undertaken a completeness check of your project proposal as submitted and found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. According to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **February 10, 2020**.

The documents and materials received to date by the NIRB in support of this project proposal include:

- *NPC Application*
- *NPC Questionnaire*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Application*

All information provided to the NIRB in support of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125499.

Please be advised that pursuant to s. 92(3)(b) of the *NuPPAA*, the 45-day timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stopped on December 19, 2019. This 45-day timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information. If the Proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under s. 144 of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, it is in GN-CGS's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner. If GN-CGS determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than one (1) week, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, Proponents must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process; should you wish to opt out during the initial submission of this application or discontinue the coordinated process at any time, you may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

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.

¹ as per sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, section 193 of *NuPPAA*, and section 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*

If you have any questions on the coordinated process, the progress of your application, or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4612 or ekoide@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request # 2

Enclosure (1): Information Request # 1 for the GN-CGS' "Renewal and Amendment of the Resolute Bay Utilidor System" Project Proposal, [January 10, 2020]

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Sergey Kuflevskiy, Nunavut Water Board

Appendix A: Information Request # 2
for Government of
Nunavut – Community and Government Services (GN-CGS)’s “Renewal and Amendment
of the Resolute Bay Utilidor System”
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
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1. TOPIC/ISSUE: NIRB’s Online Application Form

REFERENCE: *Proponent’s Guide (2018)*²: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires the Proponent to 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. The NIRB will no longer accept applications or supporting documents via e-mail or regular mail.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB’s online application form at www.nirb.ca, pursuant to the NIRB’s project application requirements including the following sections:

- *Project Transportation Types:*
 - *Clarification is required on whether “land” transportation would be used for the proposed activities;*
 - *Provide the purpose of “air” transportation as it relates to the proposed activities;*
- *Activities – Site History:*
 - *Provide information regarding the site history for the Commissioners Land;*
- *Activities – Site archaeological or palaeontological value:*
 - *Provide information on the presence of important archaeological or paleontological sites within the project area; if none, identify as “n/a” or “historical sites have not been found in the current disturbed areas”;*
- *Activities – Proximity to nearest communities and any protected areas:*
 - *Provide only proximal communities that may be affected by project activities;*
- *Equipment to be used – Proposed Use and Equipment Type:*
 - *Provide description and type of all equipment to be used for the proposed project activities;*
- *Fuel and hazardous material use:*
 - *Clarification is required on the storage of fuel to be used. If stored on location, please provide more information on containment and handling practices;*
 - *Identify if hazardous materials would be used;*
- *Types of waste associated with the proposed project activities:*
 - *Clarification is required on where the sewage is originating in the two activities provided;*
 - *Clarification is required on whether there are currently two (2) macerator units and whether one (1) or both will be replaced by the waste water treatment facility;*

² <http://www.nirb.ca/guides>

- *Provide a description of the types of wastes associated with the proposed project activities (e.g., sewage, greywater, combustible wastes, non-combustible wastes, overburden, hazardous wastes, etc.);*
- **Additional Information – Section A-roads:**
 - *Clarification is required whether all-weather and winter roads are being built or existing all-weather roads and established winter roads will be used;*
- **Additional Information – Section F-Site Cleanup:**
 - *Provide description of site cleanup following proposed construction activities;*
- **Additional Information – Section I-Municipal Development**
 - *Clarification is required on what is meant under this section;*
- **Additional Information – Description of existing environment:**
 - *Provide any baseline information on the existing physical, biological and socioeconomic environment within the proposed project area;*
- **Impacts:**
 - *Provide information on the potential environmental impacts expected along with any mitigation measures/plans that will be put in place; and*
 - *Proposed impacts are required to be entered into the Impacts table.*

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

2. TOPIC/ISSUE: Project Map

REFERENCE: *Proponent's Guide (2018)*²: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB's online map in the application form at www.nirb.ca as well as provide the latitude and longitude of the locations as listed within the application form. The map should include where applicable the following items:

- Location of any existing or proposed infrastructure including but not limited to:
 - a. Roads,
 - b. Bridges, etc.;
- Location of all proposed activities or components related to the undertaking, including but not limited to:
 - a. Fuel storage sites,
 - b. Construction sites;
- Project site in proximity to territorial and/or national parks; and
- Project site in proximity to sensitive wildlife and wildlife habitat (e.g., migratory bird sanctuary).

3. TOPIC/ISSUE: Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English, and Inuktitut

REFERENCE: *Proponent's Guide (2018)*²: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires that a non-technical summary be submitted by proponents in order to assist parties to understand and provide comments on project proposals. Translated copies of the non-technical summaries are required to be inserted into the text boxes provided in order to assist unilingual community organizations and members to provide comments on project proposals.

REQUEST: Update the Non-technical Project Proposal Summary with the following:

- *The NIRB understands that the project will require changing from a Type B licence to a Type A licence for water extraction. However, it is not clear from the summary what the new or modified activities would be.*
 - *Along with the increase in water extraction, please provide a summary description of all proposed activities that would be taking place in relation to the proposed project, including the three (3) structures that are being constructed, all associated activities and associated commissioning timelines;*
 - *Provide clear indication on what activities will continue under the Type A water licence;*
 - *Clarification is required on whether one (1) or two (2) mechanical wastewater treatment plants would be constructed. If more than one, please identify the locations on the map;*
 - *Clarification is required on how the sewage lagoon (which is operated under a different water licence) is related to this project proposal and the proposed construction of the mechanical wastewater treatment plant.*
 - *Is this in reference to the airport sewage lagoon that will be decommissioned following construction of the plant?*
 - *Is the airport sewage lagoon the same lagoon that receives sewage collected from the community?*
 - *Once decommissioned, how will the sewage be delivered to the treatment plant;*
- *Given the region of this project the Non-technical Project Proposal Summary is only required in English, and Inuktitut. Please translate any additions to Inuktitut and replace the text in the Inuinnaqtun text box with "n/a".*

4. TOPIC/ISSUE: Supplemental supporting documentation

REFERENCE: Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment

RATIONALE: To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.

REQUEST: Provide supplemental information regarding the following:

- *Mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures; and*
- *A discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans.*