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Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 1 for Department of National Defence's "Operation Nanook-Nunavut 2020" Project Proposal

Dear Sarah Rahmer:

On December 13, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Department of National Defence's (DND) "Operation Nanook-Nunavut 2020" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin and North Baffin Regional Land Use Plans. The NPC noted that the previous conformity determinations issued on February 8, 2016, April 25, 2016, November 12, 2016, May 24, 2017, November 29, 2017, May 31, 2018, August 17, 2018 and June 18, 2019 for the activities associated with the current proposal continues to apply and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of because of the use of explosive to cut through sea ice.

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 has commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that are sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **19DN049**, the NIRB views this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and has assigned this proposal with this previous file number. Please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

On December 13, 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 February 3, 2020, DND provided the requested information. 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 20, 2020**.

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

- *Commission Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal in English and Inuktitut*
- *Map*

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/125498.

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 13, 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 DND's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner.

If DND determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

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) 447-2153 or johokannoak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request # 1

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for DND's "Operation Nanook-Nunalivut 2020"
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
NIRB File No. 19DN049

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 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:

- *Consultation*
 - While it was noted in the application that representatives met with the Municipality of Rankin Inlet, there are no details provided of the concerns expressed or resolutions met. Additionally, no details were provided on whether other groups in Rankin Inlet were consulted (e.g., Hunters and Trappers Organization, Kivalliq Inuit Association). This tab needs to be completed and any supporting documentation attached.
- *Regulatory Authority*
 - This section needs to be completed as to which regulatory authority provides the permits, licences or authorizations for this project proposal. Would a permit/authorization be required from Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the explosive use in the marine environment? What other permits will be required?
- *Fuel*
 - Fuel Use is noted in the Project description and that there will be up to 12,000 litres fuel caches in place. Please complete this tab in the application to describe types and amounts of fuel expected to be used for the project proposal.
- *Waste*
 - Please complete this tab with the types of waste that will be generated and where they will be disposed of. If they are disposed of in a Community, does the Proponent have permission to do so?

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>

2. **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:

- Identification of the potential environmental impacts from all activities, with a focus on the potential impacts from blasting activities on the marine environment;
- Mitigation plans for those identified potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures; and
- A discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans.