



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s "Ferguson Lake Project" Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Tracey McCaie:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister David Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs for Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s "Ferguson Lake Project" in the Kivalliq Region, dated February 19, 2020.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the

project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at Shannon Evetalegak or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Shannon Evetalegak
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19RA046 (February 19, 2020)

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