



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT  
NIRB FILE NO.: 19DN049**

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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Department of National Defence's  
"OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" Project Proposal, Kivalliq and Qikiqtani  
Regions**

Dear Tracey McCaie:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs for Department of National Defence's (DND) "OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" in the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions, dated April 8, 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 [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (2): NIRB Screening Decision Report (English and Inuktitut), File No.: 19DN049 (April 8, 2020)

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