



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Parks Canada's "Tallurutiup Imanga Underwater Noise Baseline Pilot" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable David Joanase, Acting Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College and the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., Minister of Environment and Climate Change for Parks Canada's "Tallurutiup Imanga Underwater Noise Baseline Pilot" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region, dated October 13, 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 Ministers 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 Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, 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 (867) 983-4605 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (3): Cover Letter regarding Release of Screening Decision Report
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 20YN021 (English and Inuktitut) (October 13, 2020)

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