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November 6, 2020

To: SEA Distribution List

Re: **The NIRB's 2020 Follow-Up Report to the Board's Final SEA Report and Recommendations for the SEA in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait**

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is hereby releasing its *2020 Follow-Up Report to the Board's Final SEA Report and Recommendations for the Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait* (NIRB File No. 17SN034; SEA Follow-Up Report). The Final SEA Report and Recommendations are to be considered by the Government of Canada in the review and reconsideration of the December 2016 decision to designate Canadian Arctic waters as off limits to future oil and gas licences (the moratorium). On March 23, 2020 the NIRB reached out to parties to request feedback on how the Board's recommendations have been addressed to date and plans for implementation moving forward associated with the SEA. By August 27, 2020 the Board had received comment submissions from the territorial government, federal government departments and organizations, an environmental non-governmental organization, and the Government of Greenland. By way of a motion carried during its regular meeting held in October 2020, the Board has issued the enclosed SEA Follow-Up Report providing a summary of responses received on the work undertaken to fulfill the Board's recommendations.

The SEA was truly a collaborative effort that would not have been possible without the significant and ongoing contributions of parties and the NIRB appreciates the continued and active participation of parties into the SEA. While the NIRB will continue to track how the Board's recommendations are being addressed, the frequency of updates will not necessarily be on an annual basis.

Submissions and all documents received and pertaining to the SEA can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at <https://www.nirb.ca/project/125087>. Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the documents related to follow-up reporting can be accessed from the 'Follow up Reporting' category.

Should you have any questions regarding the SEA or the NIRB process, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Senior Policy Advisor via h.rasmussen@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NIRB Follow-up to Parties Regarding the Board's Recommendations in the Final Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait