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Sent via email: jean-philippe.cloutier-dussault@canada.ca and robin.reese@acem.com

Re: Notice of Screening for Environment and Climate Change Canada’s “Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station” project proposal

Dear Jean-Philippe Cloutier-Dussault:

On January 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Environment and Climate Change Canada’s (ECCC) “Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. The Commission noted that the current project proposal is a significant modification to the previous conformity determinations issued on December 17, 2010, April 19, 2012, April 16, 2016 and March 7, 2018 because of it includes installing new temporary camps and bulk petroleum fuel storage facilities.

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 and has assigned it file number **21UN002** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On January 25, 2021 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 commence screening.

On February 3, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On February 17, 2021 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125581.

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| Project: | Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station | | | | |
| Region: | Qikiqtani (North Baffin) | | | | |
| Location: | Eureka High Arctic Weather Station | | | | |
| Closest Community: | Grise Fiord | Distance (approximate) | 400 kilometres (km) | Direction | North |
| Summary of Project Description: | The Proponent intends to conduct various activities at the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station. Activities include the demolition of some infrastructure, and construction of temporary camps. | | | | |
| Project Proposed Timeline: | July 2021 to October 2024 | | | | |

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Demolition of various structures and infrastructure at the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS);
- Use of heavy equipment for project activities;
- Building of a temporary camp for approximately twenty staff. The temporary camp will include:
 - Power generators;
 - Fuel storage facilities;
 - Garbage disposal facilities;
 - Heating and cooling units; and
 - Necessary appliances and furniture.
- Construction of non-hazardous waste disposal facility for disposal of wastes from building decommissioning and other operations;
 - Disposal of hazardous materials offsite, nonhazardous materials onsite and the burning of untreated and unpainted wood.
- Use and storage of fuel (approximately 442,000 L) for project activities; and
- Food and paper waste to be incinerated on site within existing facility.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125581 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Eureka High Arctic Weather Station EIA Report*
- *Eureka High Arctic Weather Station EIA Addendum Report*
- *Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan*
- *AANDC 2018 Quarry Permit*
- *Map of Sensitive Areas*
- *Site Plan*
- *Proponent Ltr NWB Re Amendment Request for Open Burning*
- *Proponent Ltr NWB Re Amendment Water Licence*
- *Proponent Ltr Hamlet of Grise Fiord Re Project Proposal*
- *Proponent Ltr Iviq HTO Re Project Proposal*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by ECCC project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 19, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125581.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
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