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

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding 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 or Board) 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 (NPC or Commission). On February 22, 2021 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by March 19, 2021.

On or before March 19, 2021 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125581.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- *Notes that it is unclear why the second proposed project is not included in the current application, due to their related and complementary nature. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide rationale for the second proposed project, related to the construction of a new non-hazardous disposal facility, and this Project being applied for separately;*

- *Recommends that if the new non-hazardous waste facility is required for project activities, that the Proponent submit the design and construction plans to the NIRB to collect comments from interested parties prior to the start of project activities;*
- *Recommends that the Proponent clarify what the 12 tonnes of Hazardous waste will be used for, how long it is expected to remain on site, and how the Proponent intends to process the waste;*
- *Recommends that the plans listed be submitted to the NIRB to collect comments from interested parties prior to the start of project activities;*
- *Recommends that the Proponent clarify if there is asbestos in the buildings targeted to be demolished, and if so, whether the Building Deconstruction/Decontamination Plan will encompass specific measures for mitigating potential impact that may result from demolition of any buildings that may contain asbestos;*
- *Recommends that the Proponent indicate the expected volume of water to be drawn for the proposed activities;*
- *Recommends that the Proponent request permit information from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Culture and Heritage;*
- *Recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit beneficiaries throughout its implementation of project activities.*
- *Recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with the Hamlet of Grise Fiord, the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization, community members, and local organizations that have an interest in project activities. Issues that should be considered in consultation activities include:*
 - *Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;*
 - *Training and employment opportunities for community members; and*
 - *Regular updates on the status of the project activities.*

The NIRB would like to provide ECCC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **April 6, 2021**.

If ECCC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

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

Sincerely,



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