



NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 21QN005

NPC File No.: 149457

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April 21, 2021

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Environment and Climate Change Canada's "West Remus Creek Quarry Expansion" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region

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 Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "West Remus Creek Quarry Expansion" in the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region, dated April 21, 2021.

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 (867) 983-4622 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 21QN005 (April 21, 2021)

cc: Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
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