



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of
Nunavut's "Muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*)
distribution and abundance of Central Mainland,
Nunavut (MX11)" Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Government of Nunavut's
"Muskox (Ovibos moschatus) distribution and abundance of Central
Mainland, Nunavut (MX11)" Project Proposal**

Dear Guillaume Daoust,

On May 7, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Government of Nunavut's "Muskox (Ovibos moschatus) distribution and abundance of Central Mainland, Nunavut (MX11)" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal;

CIRNAC #1: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, and Gjoa Haven community members and businesses should be prioritized in any project-related employment and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with the Hamlets of Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, and Gjoa Haven, their local Hunters and Trappers Organizations, the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, the Ahiak Co-Management Committee, as well as any community members and organizations which

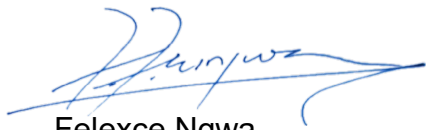


may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities in close proximity to the project areas;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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