



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN031

Project Name: The “Paallavvik Joint Research/Expedition” project
Proponent Name: Wild Blue Media
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125619
Comment Deadline: **June 28, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Paallavvik Joint Research/Expedition” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 94 kilometres (km) from Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent intends to conduct a geological research trip to obtain small rock samples from Paallavvik, to gain knowledge from where the Earth’s water came from, some sample locations requiring expert climbers to access. The program is proposed to take place from August 1 to August 15, 2021. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a Twin Otter to transfer crew and equipment to Durban Island;
- Use of one or more boats to transfer crew and equipment to Paallavvik from Durban Island;
- Use of a temporary 16 person camp; and
- Hiring of local residents who will provide advice, logistical support, and boats.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN031** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Francis Emingak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.