



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Wild Blue Media's
"Paallavvik Joint Research/Expedition" Project
Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Wild Blue Media's "Paallavvik Joint Research/Expedition" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On June 17, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Wild Blue Media's "Paallavvik Joint Research/Expedition" 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:

Whether the Project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);

CIRNAC #1: Food and Waste Management

The Proponent indicates that waste will be retrieved on abandonment of the proposed project, but does not mention mitigation measures to prevent attraction of wildlife. CIRNAC notes that food and wastes should also be made inaccessible to wildlife. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarify what measures will be taken to prevent wildlife attraction of food and wastes.

CIRNAC #2: Fuel Spill Prevention

The Proponent plans to store 155 L of fuel at the temporary camp site, but does not mention any measures that will be implemented to mitigate potential fuel spills.



CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent:

- a. Ensure all fuel is stored and transferred in designated area(s), with secondary containment, located at least 31 meters from the high-water mark of any water body;
- b. Have spill clean up materials readily available;
- c. Ensure that all employees are trained in spill response procedures; and
- d. Clarify how they will respond to potential spills, for example in a spill contingency plan.

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

CIRNAC#3: 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, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in Qikiqtarjuak should be prioritized in any project-related employment and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC#4: Representation of Inuit and the Nunavut Settlement Area in a Documentary

CIRNAC requests that the Proponent consult with the community of Qikiqtarjuak, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and other relevant organizations to ascertain what role they may play in the completion of this work and to ensure the documentary is respectful of Inuit and the Nunavut Settlement Area. Opportunities to provide media-related employment and mentoring opportunities to interested Inuit from the affected community should also be considered. In addition, the Proponent should, wherever possible, ensure that it prioritizes partnerships with Inuit advisors and Inuit-owned businesses.

CIRNAC #5 Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuak, its Hunters and Trappers Association, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, as well as community members and other organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- a. Incorporation of Indigenous knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- b. Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;



- c. The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- d. Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- e. Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and,
- f. 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, or David Abernethy by telephone at (867) 222-1610 or email at david.abernethy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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