



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Polar Knowledge Canada's "Coastal Hazard Assessment in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Aujuittuq), Nunavut" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot, and Qikiqtani Regions

Dear Land Administrator:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister David Joanase, Acting Minister of Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, for Polar Knowledge Canada's "Coastal Hazard Assessment in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Aujuittuq), Nunavut" in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Regions, dated June 30, 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) 983-4605 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Cassel Kapolak
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (2): NIRB Screening Decision Report (English and Inuktitut), File No.: 21YN021 (June 30, 2021)

cc: Stephanie Coulombe, Polar Knowledge Canada
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