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NPC File No.: 149569

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Sent via email: ittag@ilisagsivik.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre's "Acoustic Monitoring for Community Empowerment at Clyde River, Nunavut" project proposal

Dear Shari Gerheard:

On June 28, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre (Ittaq)'s "Acoustic Monitoring for Community Empowerment at Clyde River, Nunavut" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21YN036** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 29, 2021, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's Online Public Registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On June 30, 2021, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125622.

Project:	Acoustic Monitoring for Community at Clyde River, Nunavut				
Region:	Qikiqtani				
Location:	Clyde River				
Closest Community:	Clyde River	Distance (approximate)	100 kilometres (km)	Direction	Northwest and Southeast
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct an acoustic monitoring program to gain a baseline understanding of the ocean sounds by installing two acoustic monitoring devices.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	July 2021 to December 2023				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Installation of two acoustic recorders to monitor underwater noise at locations identified in consultation with the Hamlet, Mayor's office and Hunter and Trappers Organization;
- Transportation of a team of four (4) by a local boat; and
- Activities and research done by Ittaq staff with support of Jasco.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125622 and include:

- *NPC Application*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Questionnaire*
- *Non-Tech Summary*
- *Acoustic Deployments*
- *NIRB Application*
- *NIRB Revised Application*
- *Hamlet of Clyde River and Nangmautaq HTA Letter of Support*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 22, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please note that *proposed* project-specific terms and conditions, should the project proceed, have been attached for consideration and comment ([Appendix A](#)).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's Online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125622.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4609 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Guillaume Daoust
Technical Advisor I
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments: Appendix A: *Proposed* Project Specific Terms and Conditions

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Natalie O'Grady, Government of Nunavut
Mosha Cote, Nunavut Research Institute
Adrian Paradis, Northern Economic Development Agency
Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Daniel Coombs, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
James Arreak, Hamlet of Clyde River

Appendix A: Proposed Project Specific Terms and Conditions

The following is a list of project-specific terms and conditions which, should the project proceed, may be recommended to be attached to any approval.

General

1. Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times and make it accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
2. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 149569)) and the NIRB (Online Application Form, June 30, 2021. This information should be accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
3. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.
4. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the authorizing agencies' permits or licences as required for this project.
5. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel, staff and contractors are adequately trained prior to commencement of all project activities, and shall be made aware of all operational plans, management plans, guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the project.

Waste Management

6. The Proponent shall manage all hazardous and non-hazardous waste including food, domestic wastes, debris and petroleum-based chemicals (e.g., greases, gasoline, glycol-based antifreeze) in such a manner to avoid release into the environment and access to wildlife at all times until disposed of appropriately or at an approved facility.

Wildlife – General

7. The Proponent shall not chase, weary, harass or molest wildlife. This includes persistently circling, chasing, hovering over, pursuing or in any other way harass wildlife, or disturbing large groups of animals.
8. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.

Marine-Based Activities

9. The Proponent shall maintain a distance of 100 metres if a Polar Bear is encountered on land or ice while conducting activities from a zodiac or other small craft; all interaction with Polar Bears should be avoided if possible.
10. The Proponent shall maintain a distance of 500 metres of a walrus haul out while conducting activities from a zodiac or other small craft.

Other

11. The Proponent should engage with local residents regarding planned activities in the area and should solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information regarding current recreational and traditional usage of the project area which may inform project activities. Posting of translated public notices and direct engagement with potentially interested groups and individuals prior to undertaking project activities is strongly encouraged.
12. The Proponent should consult with local residents regarding their activities in the area and solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information that can inform project activities.
13. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
14. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.