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**RE: Government of Nunavut Comments for Notice of Screening and Comment
Request for QEC's "Gjoa Haven New Power Plant" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

The Government of Nunavut (GN) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the QEC's Gjoa Haven New Power Plant Project Proposal.

The GN has reviewed the proposed project and the Department of Culture and Heritage offers comments as it pertains to Heritage Resources in Areas, as further described in the attached Appendix.

The GN appreciates participating in the screening of this project through the NIRB process. Should there be any concerns or need for follow-up, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (867) 975-7828 or by email at asimonfalvy@gov.nu.ca.

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APPENDIX

GN-01: Archaeological/historical sites buffers and discoveries	
Department	Department of Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Heritage Resources in Area
References	20210717_NIRB149571_QEC_GjoaHaven_PwrPlnt_DetailedPrjctDescrip_E, July 2021 Nunavut Site Data Base
CONCERNS	
The Department of Culture and Heritage has no concern with the proposed project as the proponent's archaeologist has already filed for a Class 2 archaeological permit to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment.	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
No activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of any archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to the Government of Nunavut Territorial Archaeology Office.	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
<p>A search of the Nunavut Site Data Base indicates that there are eleven (11) sites located within the municipality boundary. This however does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this area.</p> <p>The proponent has been proactive and Archaeology Permit 2021-15A was issued by the Department of Culture and Heritage (CH) to carry out an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) in advance of proposed construction to determine if archaeological sites are in potential conflict with the proposed options and identify any necessary avoidance or mitigation measures</p> <p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected under the Nunavut Act. The Proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site without the proper authorizations. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.</p>	