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Sent via email: echalmers@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "Coral Harbour Municipal Water Licence Renewal" Project Proposal

Dear Elan Chalmers:

On August 11, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Coral Harbour Municipal Water Licence Renewal" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

The Commission has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because the daily use of water exceeds 300 m³/day.

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 **21WN039** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On August 11, 2021 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's 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 August 23, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On August 12, 2021, the NIRB received

information from the Proponent, and following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on October 8, 2021, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On October 9, 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/125632.

Project:	Coral Harbour Municipal Water Licence Renewal				
Region:	Kivalliq				
Location:	Coral Harbour				
Closest Community:	Coral Harbour	Distance (approximate)	Within Municipal Boundaries	Direction	North
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to pump water from Post River to the raw water reservoir that must be resupplied annually, all licence requirements will remain the same, except for the change from a Type B water licence which has a daily limit of 300 cubic meters/day, to a Type A water licence which has a maximum daily amount to 2000 cubic meters/day. Resupply of up to 45,000 m ³ from Post River must take place during open water season which would take approximately 25 days to ensure sufficient water in the reservoir for the year.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	September 30, 2021 to September 29, 2031				

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

- Use of a Water Pump to draw raw water from Post River into water reservoir for storage until moving to the water treatment plant for chlorination/disinfection;
- Use of diesel fuel to power portable water pump and to power the water supply building;
 - 20 liters for water pump and approximately 2,000 liters for water supply building; and
- Use of 600 Kg of chlorine in 30 Kg containers and stored in a designed space for chemical storage for chlorination/disinfection in the water treatment plant.

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 www.nirb.ca/project/125632 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Revised NIRB Online Application*
- *Environmental Emergency Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Operation and Maintenance Plan Solid Waste Facility*
- *Operation and Maintenance Plan Water Supply*
- *Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan*
- *Sewage Disposal Facility Plan*
- *NWB Renewal Licence*

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 Government of Nunavut's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 8, 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.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

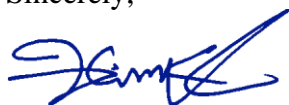
at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

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/125632.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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

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