



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Université de Montpellier's "Shift-eDNA" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Université de Montpellier’s “Shift-eDNA” Project Proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On March 7, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Université de Montpellier’s “Shift-eDNA” 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:

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

CIRNAC #1: 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 any of the communities visited should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent individually consult with the governing bodies and hunters and trappers organizations in each community that they expect to visit. These may include: the Hamlet of Grise Fiord, the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, the Hamlet Council of Clyde River, the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, the Hamlet of Pangnirtung, the City of Iqaluit, the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization, the Qikiqtarjuaq Hunters and Trappers Association, the Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization, the Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organization, their respective 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:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- 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@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Jalen Tagoona at (867) 975-4663 or email at jalen.tagoona@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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