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Sent via email: camille.brice@uqar.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Quebec in Rimouski's "Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals in marine sediments near Kugluktuk" project proposal

Dear Camille Brice:

On June 13, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen University of Quebec in Rimouski (UQAR)'s "Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals near Kugluktuk" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable 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 **22YN041** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 13, 2022, 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 June 24, 2022, 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/125719.

Project:	Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals in marine sediments near Kugluktuk				
Region:	Kitikmeot				
Location:	Within the first 100m from the coast of Kugluktuk				
Closest Community:	Kugluktuk	Distance (approximate)	1 kilometres (km)	Direction	Along shoreline near Kugluktuk
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct assessment of marine sediments near the coast of Kugluktuk.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	August 8, 2022, to August 11, 2022				

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

- Collect surface marine sediment with a grab sampler (Van Veen type);
- Transportation in zodiac or boat with a local guide.

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/125719 and include:

- *NPC Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *Non-Tech Summary (English & Inuinnaqtun)*
- *Revised NIRB Application (English & Inuinnaqtun)*

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 UQAR project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 15, 2022**.

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.

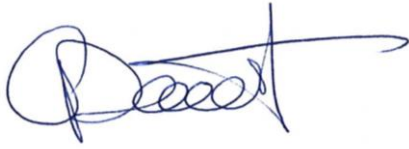
Please note that *proposed* project-specific terms and conditions, should the project proceed, have been attached for consideration and comment ([Appendix A](#)).

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/125719.

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 Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuinnaqtun)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Wynter Kuliktana, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Agnes Simonfalvy, Government of Nunavut
Mosha Cote, Nunavut Research Institute
Hamlet of Kugluktuk

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. University of Quebec in Rimouski (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.: 149789), and the NIRB (Online Application Form, June 24, 2022; Project Summary, June 24, 2022). 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.

Water courses/Water bodies (including fresh and marine waters)

6. The Proponent shall ensure that no disturbance of the stream bed, lakebed or the banks of any definable watercourse be permitted, except where deemed necessary for maintaining project-specific operational commitments or approved by a responsible authority in cases of spill management.
7. The Proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of any fuel, chemicals, wastes (including wastewater) or sediment into any water body. The Proponent should have in place an Emergency Spill Response Plan that is approved by the appropriate authorizing agency(ies).

Wildlife – General

8. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.
9. 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.

Other

10. 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.

11. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
12. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.