



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Quebec in Rimouski "Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals in marine sediments" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for University of Quebec in Rimouski “Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals in marine sediments” Project Proposal

Dear Guillaume Daoust,

On July 5, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Quebec in Rimouski “Assessment of coastal contamination in trace metals in marine sediments”. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB’S request:

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

CIRNAC #1: Fuel Management

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not indicated any information regarding fuel management. The Proponent does indicate that fuel does have a potential impact while using the boat.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarifies how potential fuel spills will be mitigated and if necessary cleaned from the locally charter boat, as well as an approximate amount of fuel that will be used and transported throughout the project.



CIRNAC #2: Waste Management

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not indicated any information regarding waste management procedures or the method of disposal.

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent clarify how waste generated throughout the field season will be managed or disposed of. CIRNAC recommends that all waste generated be bagged and carried back to the community for proper disposal methods.

CIRNAC #3: Locally Chartered Boats

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has indicated that a locally chartered boat will be used to complete the assessment. The Proponent has also identified that there will be minimal impacts to the environment.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider the following measures to ensure preventative measures are taken to minimize these impacts. Impact reduction measures should include, but not limited to:

- Reduce speeds within the vicinity of wildlife and birds
- Avoid on-water refueling of boats

CIRNAC #4: 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 Kugluktuk should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC #5: Consultation with interested parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk and the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Organization. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include, but not limited to:

- 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 Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Jalen Tagoona by e-mail at Jalen.tagoona@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felexce Ngwa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Felexce Ngwa
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