



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research's "Evaluation of Multidrug-Resistant Bacteria in the Thawing Permafrost of the Canadian High Arctic" Project Proposal



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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0
via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research's "Evaluation of multidrug-resistant bacteria in the thawing permafrost of the Canadian High Arctic" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On August 22, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research's "Evaluation of multidrug-resistant bacteria in the thawing permafrost of the Canadian High Arctic" 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 Inuit located in Cambridge Bay 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 Cambridge Bay 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 consult with the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization, as well as any other community members or 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 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 David Abernethy at david.abernethy@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
Manager, Impact Assessment

