



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for National Center for  
Universite de Sherbrooke's "Multidisciplinary  
Observatory for Arctic Climate Change and Extreme  
Events Monitoring (MOACC)" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for National Center for Universite de Sherbrooke's "Multidisciplinary Observatory for Arctic Climate Change and Extreme Events Monitoring (MOACC)" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On September 1, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Universite de Sherbrooke's "Multidisciplinary Observatory for Arctic Climate Change and Extreme Events Monitoring (MOACC)" 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: Estimated Resource Use**

In the application, under the Non-technical project proposal description, the Proponent states "the personnel 'Person days' and fuel are estimated for Year 1 of the project only." It is unclear why the Proponent did not include total person days and fuel use expected for the duration of the research project.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarify the total person days and fuel use with appropriate authorities when applying for land use permits and other authorizations that may be required.

**CIRNAC #2: 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.

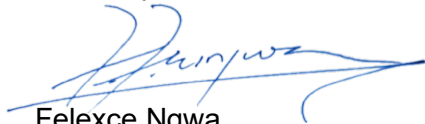
### **CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay and the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organizations who 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](mailto:richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or David Abernethy by email at [david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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