

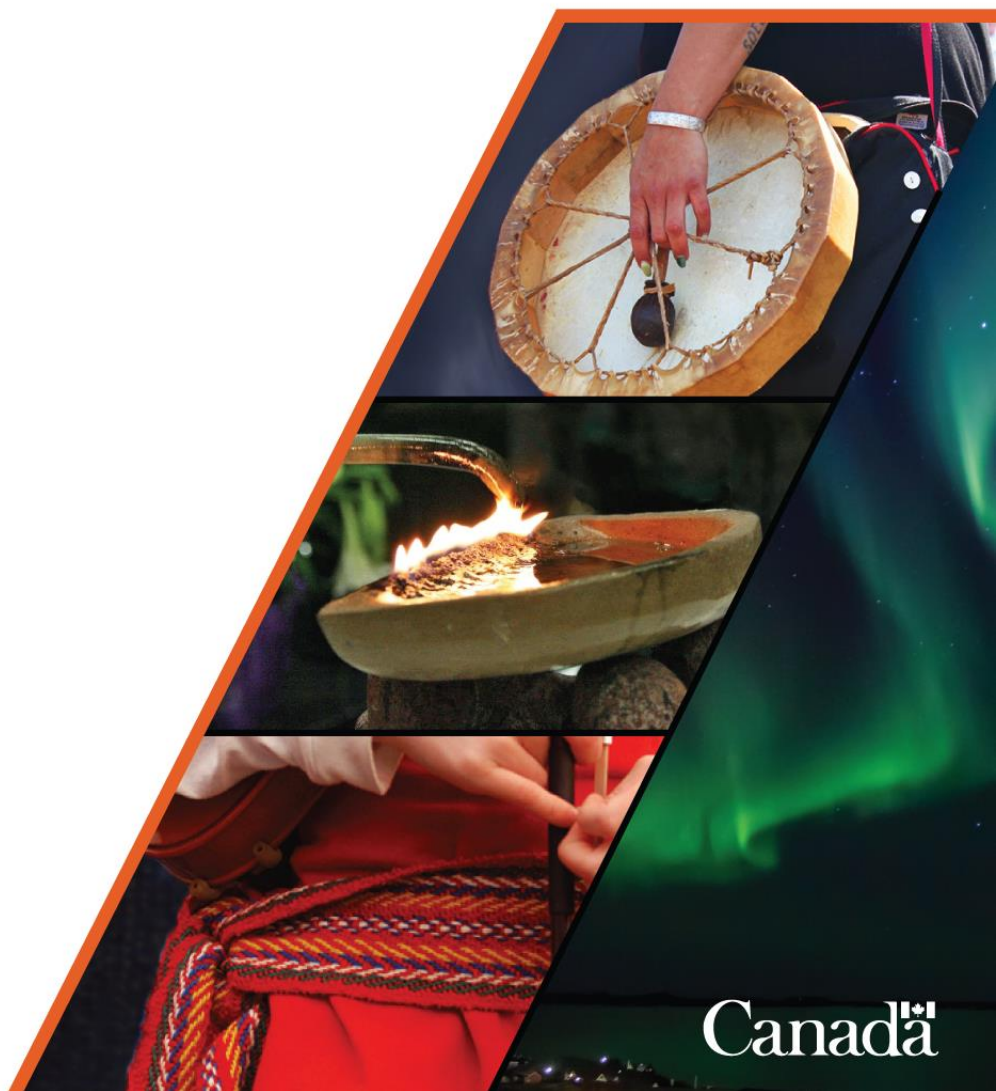


CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Kivalliq Alternative
Energy's "Coral Harbour Solar and Energy Storage
Project" Proposal



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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Kivalliq Alternative Energy's
"Coral Harbour Solar and Energy Storage Project" Proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On August 29, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Kivalliq Alternative Energy's "Coral Harbour Solar and Energy Storage Project" proposal. 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: Environmental Impacts

The Proponent has identified unknown impacts in both physical and biological factors within their risk matrix. The identified unknown impacts within the matrix do not have any commentary regarding the reason these impacts are unknown.

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent implement a tracking measure into their project to ensure all potential risks have been identified and addressed prior to fieldwork commencing. This would allow the Proponent to track and mitigate all potential risks within the project area and access road; including but not limited to designated environmental areas, hydrology, permafrost, ground stability, air quality, human health, water quality, sediment and soil quality, and wildlife. CIRNAC recommends the Proponent review and amend their risks based on their current preventative measures and potential mitigation measures to accurately reflect the plausible impacts of the project. If annual reporting commences for this energy project, CIRNAC recommends that the impact tracking and preventative measures are fully incorporated addressing all and any potential impacts from the project activities.



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 Coral Harbour 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 Coral Harbour 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 Coral Harbour and the Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization 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 near the project area;
- Use of access roads for project related activities;
- 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 David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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