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Sent via email: iicard@fn-digital.com

Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 1 for Far North Digital's "Far North Fiber Marine Route Survey" Project Proposal

Dear Ik Icard:

On May 25, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Far North Digital's "Far North Fiber Marine Route Survey" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin 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 **22YN034** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

On May 26, 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 to commence screening.

On July 5, 2022, Far North Digital provided the requested information. The NIRB has undertaken a completeness check of your project proposal as submitted and found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. According to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in **Appendix A** of this correspondence by **October 11, 2022**.

The documents and materials received to date by the NIRB in support of this project proposal include:

- *Commission Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *Presentation on Project*
- *Additional Information*
- *Marine Survey Vessel Typical Specs and Equipment*

Please be advised that pursuant to s. 92(3)(b) of the *NuPPAA*, the 45-day timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stopped on September 16, 2022. This 45-day timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information. If the Proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under s. 144 of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, it is in Far North Digital's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner. If Far North Digital determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4605 or ckapolak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Cassel Kapolak
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request # 1

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for Far North Digital's "Far North Fiber Marine Route Survey"
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
NIRB File No. 22YN034

1. TOPIC/ISSUE: NIRB's Online Application Form

REFERENCE: *Proponent's Guide*¹: Appendix A: Online Application System – Proponent User's Guide

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires the Proponent to complete the online application form in order to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to ensure sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. The NIRB will no longer accept applications or supporting documents via e-mail or regular mail.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB's online application form at www.nirb.ca, pursuant to the NIRB's project application requirements including the following sections:

- *Project authorizations; please list the regulatory authorities*
- *Please indicate what the proponent intends to do with the shipboard waste (solid and gray/blackwater; and*
- *Please fill out the environmental impacts table.*

The Proponent is recommended to review the Help Boxes associated with the NIRB's online application form when completing the application.

¹ <http://www.nirb.ca/guides>

