COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: **South Kitikmeot Gold Project**
Proponent: **Viridis Mining and Minerals**
Location: **Kitikmeot**
Comments Due By: **January 6, 2023** **NIRB #:** **22EN057**

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

- ☐ no concerns
- ☐ water quality
- ☐ terrain
- ☐ air quality
- ☐ wildlife and their habitat
- ☐ marine mammals and their habitat
- ☐ birds and their habitat
- ☐ fish and their habitat
- ☐ heritage resources in area
- ☐ traditional uses of land
- ☐ Inuit harvesting activities
- ☐ community involvement and consultation
- ☐ local development in the area
- ☐ tourism in the area
- ☐ human health issues
- ☐ other:_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

N/A

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

The proponent must identify the location of the proposed screened water intakes and docks at camp sites, as this will determine Transport Canada (TC)'s involvement under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA).

Intakes and docks are considered "works" under the CNWA. However, they may be considered "minor works" under the CNWA Minor Works Order, which are likely to cause only a slight interference to navigation. The proponent is advised to evaluate each work using the Navigation Protection Program's Project Review Tool - https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet.

Works on non-navigable waterways do not fall under the CNWA.

For works on navigable, non-scheduled waterways, the proponent has two options under the CNWA to address the direct impacts to navigation. The proponent can either:

1) voluntarily apply to the Minister of Transport for approval of each work; or
2) seek authorization using the public resolution process set out in the CNWA.
    a. The public resolution process requires a proponent to post on Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program online registry through a Notification of Work and

publish a notice inviting public comments. The notice gives the public 30 days to comment on the proposed work.

i. If no concerns are raised, the proponent can proceed with the work.
ii. If there are concerns, the proponent and the commenter have 45 days to resolve any navigation-related concerns.
    1. If concerns are resolved within that timeframe, the proponent may proceed with the work.
    2. If the resolution process is unsuccessful, or with a voluntary application for approval from the proponent, Transport Canada will review the work for approval.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?

N/A

Name of person commenting: Holly Poklitar **of** N/A

Position: **Regional Environmental Advisor** **Organization:** Transport Canada

Signature: Holly Poklitar **Date:** January 6, 2023