



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 23WA065**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for AECOM Canada Ltd.(AECOM) (on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC))’s “Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Water Use Increase Type A Water Licence” Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region

Dear Tracey McCaie and Alasdair Beattie:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ministers Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs and Joyce Murray Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard for AECOM Canada Ltd.(AECOM) (on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC))’s “Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Water Use Increase Type A Water Licence” in the Qikiqtani Region, dated March 14, 2023.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that **a review of the project is**

not required in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 23WA065 (March 14, 2023)

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