



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

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



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Kivalliq Alternative Energy Ltd's "Naujaat Solar and Energy Storage Project" Project Proposal

Dear Leah Klaassen,

On April 3, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Kivalliq Alternative Energy Ltd.'s "Naujaat Solar and Energy Storage Project" 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: Spill Prevention Planning

In the NIRB Application's "Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures" section, the Proponent identifies spills as a potential impact, and briefly outlines the aspects of mitigation that will be used in spill prevention planning during development of the construction site safety plan.

CIRNAC notes that some aspects of spill planning which were not explicitly mentioned, such as use of secondary containment for fuel, as well as maintaining easily accessible spill kits near the fuel storage area, could be included to aid in mitigating potential spills.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider inclusion of these measures in the development of the construction site safety plan.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit located in Naujaat. In addition, CIRNAC recommends that the proponent prioritize procurement opportunities for Inuit-owned businesses in these communities, 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 Naujaat should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

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.

Sincerely,



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