



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Renewable Energy Microgrid Integration for Remote, Off-grid Cabins in Nunavut" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Renewable Energy Microgrid Integration for Remote, Off-grid Cabins in Nunavut" Project Proposal

Dear Leah Klaassen,

On April 17, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Renewable Energy Microgrid Integration for Remote, Off-grid Cabins in Nunavut" 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: Salt Water Battery

The Proponent states that they will be installing a 1 kW saltwater battery at the Pan-arctic Data Communication Center, but does not provide information related to the storage of the battery.

CIRNAC notes that storage of hazardous material will require secondary containment, and this may be outlined in other permitting and authorization phases for the project.

CIRNAC #2: Potential for Positive Effects on Inuit Through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Resolute Bay and Iqaluit 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 Resolute Bay and Iqaluit should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available



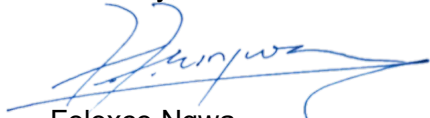
CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the relevant interested parties, including outreach to the Hamlet of Resolute Bay, Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association, City of Iqaluit, and Amaruq Hunters and Trapper Association. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include:

- Incorporation of traditional knowledge 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 in close proximity to the project area;
- 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 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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