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**Re: Notice of Screening for Nunavut Nukiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" project proposal**

Dear Heather Shilton:

On April 24, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Nunavut Nukiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. On April 25, 2023, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

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 **23YN027** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

***Project Scope:***

<b>Project:</b>	Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower				
<b>Region:</b>	Qikiqtani				
<b>Location:</b>	Sanirajak				
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Sanirajak	<b>Distance (approximate)</b>	6 km	<b>Direction</b>	Northwest

<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to construct a temporary meteorological tower to collect wind data for 18-24 months.
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	Construction: August 1, 2023, to August 8, 2023 Operations: 18-24 months post-construction

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construction of a temporary meteorological tower with the use of power tools;
  - Use of a drill;
  - Use of a winch;
  - Use of a generator and battery to power the drill;
- Use of an ATV to transport personnel and equipment to the construction site during the construction phase and to transport personnel throughout the year for maintenance;
- Use of 20 gallons of gasoline from municipal fuel services;
- Use of scheduled flights in and out of Sanirajak and use of the Hamlet of Sanirajak for accommodations and all water and sewage services; and
- Transportation of all construction materials to Sanirajak via sealift.

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125804](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125804) and include:

- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Google Earth Image*
- *Hamlet of Sanirajak Support Letter*
- *Sanirajak HTA Motion*
- *KRS Community Feast Report*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 9, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please note that *proposed* project-specific terms and conditions, should the project proceed, have been attached for consideration and comment ([Appendix A](#)).

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125804](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125804).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4603 or [lklaassen@nirb.ca](mailto:lklaassen@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments: Appendix A: *Proposed* Project Specific Terms and Conditions

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)  
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List  
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Dianne Lapierre, Government of Nunavut  
Laura Harris, Government of Nunavut  
Mosha Cote, Nunavut Research Institute  
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs  
Transport Canada

## **Appendix A: Proposed Project Specific Terms and Conditions**

The following is a list of project-specific terms and conditions which, should the project proceed, may be recommended to be attached to any approval.

### **General**

1. Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times and make it accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
2. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 150068) and the NIRB (Online Application Form, April 25, 2023). This information should be accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
3. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.
4. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the authorizing agencies' permits or licences as required for this project.
5. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel, staff and contractors are adequately trained prior to commencement of all project activities, and shall be made aware of all operational plans, management plans, guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the project.

### **Air Quality**

6. The Proponent shall eliminate unnecessary idling to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible.

### **Wildlife – General**

7. The Proponent shall not substantially alter or damage or destroy any wildlife habitat in conducting this operation unless otherwise authorized by the appropriate authorizing agencies.
8. The Proponent shall not chase, weary, harass or molest wildlife. This includes persistently circling, chasing, hovering over, pursuing or in any other way harass wildlife, or disturbing large groups of animals.
9. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.

10. The Proponent shall ensure that all wildlife have the right-of-way on any roads or trails. Vehicles are required to slow down or stop and wait to permit the free and unrestricted movement of wildlife across roads or trails at any location

### **Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance**

11. The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the project in a manner that protects migratory birds and avoids harming, killing or disturbing migratory birds or destroying, disturbing or taking their nests or eggs. In this regard, the Proponent shall take into account Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Avoidance Guidelines*. The Proponent's actions in applying the *Avoidance Guidelines* shall be in compliance with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and with the *Species at Risk Act*.

### **Land Use and Restoration of Disturbed Areas**

12. The Proponent shall use existing trails where possible during project activities on the land.
13. The Proponent shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all times.
14. The Proponent shall avoid disturbance on slopes prone to natural erosion, and alternative locations shall be utilized.
15. The Proponent shall ensure that all disturbed areas are restored to a stable or pre-disturbed state using Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BATEA) upon completion of work and/or abandonment.

### **Heritage Sites**

16. The Proponent shall ensure that archaeological and paleontological sites are not purposely or inadvertently disturbed by clients or staff as a result of project activities.
17. The Proponent shall ensure that all clients and staff are aware of the Proponent's responsibilities and requirements regarding archaeological or palaeontological sites that are encountered during land-based activities. This should include briefings explaining the prohibitions regarding removal of artifacts, and defacing or writing on rocks and infrastructure.

### **Other**

18. The Proponent should engage with local residents regarding planned activities in the area and should solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information regarding current recreational and traditional usage of the project area which may inform project activities. Posting of translated public notices and direct engagement with potentially interested groups and individuals prior to undertaking project activities is strongly encouraged.
19. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.

20. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.