



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" Project Proposal

Dear Leah Klaassen,

On May 30, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Sanirajak, Nunavut MET Tower" 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: Fuelling Equipment

The Proponent indicates that it will be using 20 gallons of gasoline, to fuel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and a generator, when necessary. The Proponent, however, did not indicate where and how its ATVs and generator would be refuelled.

CIRNAC recommends that the refuelling of all equipment occur a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters away from the high water mark of any waterbody, and that drip pans or other equivalent device(s) be used when refuelling equipment on-site to aid in prevention of fuel spills.

CIRNAC #2: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities.

The Proponent indicates that the proposed project will have a positive impact on employment, and that four personnel will be on the site. But, it remains unclear to CIRNAC how the proposed project will have a positive impact on employment in the region.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Sanirajak when hiring and implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population.



CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC appreciates the effort that the Proponent has made in conducting consultations, recognizes that the project has the full support of the Hamlet of Sanirajak and the Hunters and Trappers Association, and encourages the Proponent to continue consultations and follow up with the community throughout the lifespan of the project.

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 John MacInnis by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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