



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 23UN006**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Adam Riley’s “Over the top: The northwest Passage Expedition” Project Proposal, Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region

Dear Lisa Pirie-Dominix:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister Steven Guilbeault, P.C, Minister of Environment and Climate Change for Adam Riley’s “Over the top: The northwest Passage Expedition” in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region, dated June 20, 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 Minister 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 Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, 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) 983-5627 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.: 23UN006 (June 20, 2023)

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