



**NIRB File No.: 20WN009**

**NPC File No.: 149319**

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**Re: Suspension of Assessment Activities for the Government of Nunavut-Community and Government Service's "Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929" Project Proposal, pursuant to NuPPAA s. 144(2)**

Dear Bhabesh Roy:

On March 27, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut-Community and Government Service's (GN-CGS) "Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 20WN009 and commenced screening the project proposal 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). Through the initial screening activities undertaken by the NIRB for this proposal, additional information was requested to address identified deficiencies as detailed through Information Requests #1 and # 2 (enclosed for reference). This information is considered necessary to determine the scope of the project and to carry out the screening of the project.

To date, the Board has not received the requested information. Further, staff members from the NIRB have contacted GN-CGS directly to discuss the outstanding information required to complete the screening of this project proposal (see [Appendix A](#) for file history) with no definite date provided on when the information will be made available except to indicate that the GN-CGS is waiting on a decision to be made for the next step of the project. Consequently, the NIRB has determined that it is unable to complete the screening for the "Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929" project proposal at this time.

Pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board is suspending its assessment activities for the screening of this project proposal until the requested information has been received by our office. Please be advised that the *NuPPAA* prohibits the carrying out of a project, in whole or in part, where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed; regulatory authorities are also not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorizations in respect of a project where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed

The Board further notes that if the requested information is not received within three years from March 27, 2020, the assessment of the project will be terminated as per s. 144(3) of the *NuPPAA*.

Should you have any questions regarding the suspension of this assessment or require clarification regarding how to address the outstanding information requirements for this file, please contact the NIRB's Manager, Impact Assessment, Sophia Granchinho, directly at (867) 857-4829 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: File History

Enclosures (2): Information Request letters (April 9, 2020 and May 21, 2020)

cc: The Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community & Government Services, Government of Nunavut  
Robert Chapple, Community & Government Services, Government of Nunavut  
Peter Scholz, Nunavut Planning Commission

## APPENDIX A: FILE HISTORY

DATE	CORRESPONDENCE
March 27, 2020	NIRB e-mail to Proponent requesting Proponent complete online application.
April 9, 2020	Information Request Letter #1 requesting information be submitted by April 23, 2020.
May 21, 2020	Information Request Letter #2 requesting information be submitted by May 28, 2020.
June 11, 2020	Follow-up email from the NIRB to the Proponent requesting an update on when online application will be completed.
June 26, 2020	Follow-up email from the NIRB to the Proponent requesting an update on when online application will be completed.
June 26, 2020	Proponent responded to information request letter indicating that information will be delayed until government has decided on next step of the project.