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To: SEA Distribution List

Re: **NIRB Launching of Online Training Course for “Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait”**

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is excited to announce that we are launching a training course to increase awareness among members of the public on Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait SEA.

As you are aware, on February 9, 2017, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC; then Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) referred the SEA to the NIRB pursuant to section 12.2.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement*. The objective of the SEA was to understand types of offshore oil and gas related activities that could one day be proposed in the Canadian waters of Baffin Bay and Davis Strait outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area and their associated risks, benefits, and management strategies. On July 31, 2019 the Board issued its Final SEA Report and Recommendations to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

The NIRB would like to thank Stratos Inc. (now ERM) and Strata360 Ltd. for their work in developing the course.

SEA TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

The SEA Training Course is available in English and Inuktitut and involves written information, voiceovers, and quizzes to test your knowledge of the information. There are seven modules in the course and users are advised to complete a module before logging out as progress cannot be saved.

Learning Objectives of the Public Course

- Summarize the purpose of SEAs in the Nunavut context.
- Describe the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait SEA including key recommendations and conclusions.
- Explain how public input contributed to the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait SEA and its outcomes.

Topics in the Module

- About the NIRB
- What is a SEA?
- Nunavut context
- Common terms
- Made in Nunavut approach to the SEA
- Governance and lifecycle
- Introduction to the SEA phased approach
- SEA process
- SEA scenario development and consideration of accidents and malfunctions
- Introduction to valued components
- Valued components and potential effects
- Key findings and recommendations of the Board

HOW TO ACCESS THE SEA TRAINING COURSE

The SEA Training course is available on the NIRB's website through the – Resources tab – Course – Strategic Environmental Assessment Course at: <https://www.nirb.ca/content/strategic-environmental-assessment-course>. You will need a computer with a speaker.

- Once you access the Course page you will see the list of seven modules
- Each module will have a graphic and a link titled 'Launch Module' underneath to access
- Click on the desired 'Launch Module' link
- After clicking 'Launch Module' the module will load. Click the play button to start the module. Make sure your speakers or headphones are on, there is audio to go along with these courses.
- There will be buttons at the bottom of the page to rewind, play, and move backwards and forwards through the module.
- Most of the modules have a test in them. This tests your understanding of the material.
- If you get a test question wrong, a message will pop up telling you. A blue button will be available to retake the test.
- A pop up will appear with the correct answers if you incorrectly answer the test questions a second time. To move to the next slide in the lesson, click the blue button again.
- If you have taken a test and want to go back in that module to review, click the rewind button after your test and it will bring you to the start of the module you are working on. You can then use the navigational buttons to move around the course.
- To get back to the home page of the course with the list of modules, close the course tab in your browser.
- If you are in a lesson and want to exit, click the exit button on the lower right to return to the main course page.

If you have more questions on how to access the course and modules.

- Please view the visual infographic sent with this letter. The infographic is also available online at: <https://www.nirb.ca/content/strategic-environmental-assessment-course>.

If you clicked somewhere and do not know how to get back to the lesson page.

- Go to <https://www.nirb.ca/content/strategic-environmental-assessment-course> to get back to the main course page and click on the module you wish to access.

If you do not hear audio.

- Audio is verified working. Go to <https://www.youtube.com> and play a video. If you still have no sound, then it is an issue with the device you are using. If there is audio on YouTube, call us as it will be an issue with the course.
- Depending on your bandwidth, the audio may take time to start.

If you have any other questions.

- Contact our Technical Administrators at info@nirb.ca and they will answer your question or direct you to the person who can.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Strategic Environmental Assessment in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Senior Policy Advisor, directly at hiasmussen@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,



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cc: Filip Petrovic, Emily Thorne – Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
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Steven Lonsdale – Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Annie Cyr-Parent – Government of Nunavut

Attached: NIRB SEA Public Training Course Infographic