



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Institut National de
Recherche Scientifique “Evaluation of the Deep
Geothermal Potential of Baker Lake, Nunavut,
Canada” Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Institut Nation de Recherche Scientifique “Evaluation of the Deep Geothermal Potential of Baker Lake, Nunavut, Canada” Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On March 4, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Institut Nation de Recherche Scientifique “Evaluation of the Deep Geothermal Potential of Baker Lake, Nunavut, Canada” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with relevant Inuit and community organizations, including the Hamlet of Baker Lake and the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization on its project proposal. Efforts should also be made to be considerate of concerns that may be raised by individual community members.

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and



- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC looks forward to working with the NIRB throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@cirnac-rcaanc.gc.ca, or David Abernethy at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bingley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Richard Bingley
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