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Government of Canada Comments on the Draft Process Map for the Review of West Kitikmeot Resource Corporation's "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal, NIRB File No. 24XN038

Dear Tara Arko,

On March 11, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the Board) notified parties of its commencement of the Review for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project Proposal (the Project). The Board also invited parties to provide feedback on a draft process map.

The Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) is responding on behalf of: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Natural Resources Canada; and, Transport Canada. The Government of Canada appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft process map for the Board's consideration.

As acknowledged in the Board's Screening Decision Report for the Project, Indigenous groups and other parties have expressed concerns about the potential impacts of the Project on caribou herds. The Board's draft process map includes community scoping/guideline meetings in the Kitikmeot region and the Northwest Territories between April and May, 2025.

With regards to the Athabasca Denesųliné First Nations, and Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation, the Government of Canada encourages the Board to consider either holding at least one public session in their communities, bringing representatives to attend a currently proposed session or as the Board deems appropriate.

As you are aware, CIRNAC is inviting applications from those seeking participant funding to support their participation in the Review of the Project, by April 15, 2025. Depending on when the Board issues the Draft Scope List and Draft Impact Statement Guidelines for public comment, interested parties may not yet have received participant funding which may hinder their ability to participate fully in the initial public comment period and public scoping sessions.



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