



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

## Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Viking Octantis – Canada Arctic 2025" Project Proposal



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May 16, 2025

Kelli Gillard PAg, CTAJ  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
P.O. Box 1360  
Cambridge Bay, NU, X0B 0C0  
via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Viking Octantis – Canada Arctic 2025" Project Proposal**

Dear Kelli Gillard,

On May 5, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Viking Octantis – Canada Arctic 2025" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

**CIRNAC #1: Consultation with interested parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the municipality of Pond Inlet, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, and any other relevant organizations or individuals on its project proposal. 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 harvesting and recreational 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;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact Muhammad Arslan by e-mail at [muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or David Abernethy by email at [david.abernethy@canada.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bingley". The script is fluid and cursive.

Richard Bingley  
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