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Re: **Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Canada-Nunavut Geoscience Office's "Central Baffin Geoscience Program" project proposal**

Dear Tavis Enno:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ the project proposal.

By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by June 1, 2026.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry www.nirb.ca/project/126448 where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

¹ 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)

Scope of proposal

Location	North Qikiqtani region, Central Baffin Island, approximately 150 kilometers southwest of Clyde River.
Objective	The Proponent intends to conduct a 21-day geoscience field program in Central Baffin Island to complete regional bedrock mapping and thematic geological studies focused on stratigraphy, structural, geology, mineral, and biogeochemical characteristics.
Timeline	July 19, 2026, to August 15, 2026. (One-time 21-day research project)

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

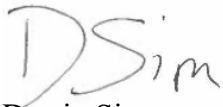
- **Undertakings, Works and Activities**
 - Regional bedrock mapping and thematic geological studies to investigate the stratigraphy, tectonic history, geological characteristics, mineral potential, and biogeochemical characteristics of the study area; and;
 - Activities would mainly be conducted on foot and be assisted by a helicopter.
- **Equipment**
 - Use of one (1) Twin Otter aircraft for supply flights and crew mobilization, one (1) Long Ranger helicopter for travel to and from the field area, one (1) electric generator to power the temporary camp, and one (1) water pump to supply water for personal camp use.
- **Fuel & Equipment Servicing**
 - Aviation fuel, diesel, gasoline, and propane would be used to support helicopter operations, camp power generation, heating, refrigeration, and cooking; and;
 - Fuel would be stored at the temporary camp site.
- **Camp**
 - Establishment and operation of a temporary field camp located away from nearby water sources.
- **Waste**
 - Minor and non-hazardous waste would be generated.
 - Combustible waste would be disposed of via portable incinerator located at the camp site;
 - Greywater and sewage would be disposed of in hand-dug pits; and non-combustible waste and empty fuel drums would be removed from the field area for disposal or recycling.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal; as a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1 (866) 233-3033 Ext. 575 or dsim@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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