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Sent via email: [marineoperations@gov.nu.ca](mailto:marineoperations@gov.nu.ca)

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Government of Nunavut’s “Arctic Bay Sealift Field Program” project proposal**

Dear Grant Woodbury:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening<sup>1</sup> 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 25, 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/126445](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126445)) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or by fax.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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*

<b>Location</b>	Qikiqtani region, on the shore within the municipal boundary of Arctic Bay.
<b>Objective</b>	The Proponent intends to conduct a field and laboratory geotechnical investigation program for the future development of a sealift laydown area.
<b>Timeline</b>	June 30, 2026, to December 30, 2026, approximately two days of field work during the open-water season

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

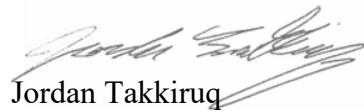
- Use of an excavator to excavate and backfill test pits within the intertidal area during out-of-water conditions
- Use of fuel for the excavator during field activities.
- Collection of sediment samples for geotechnical testing

### *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 [jtakkirug@nirb.ca](mailto:jtakkirug@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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