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Sent via email: hshilton@qcorp.ca

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project" project proposal

Dear Heather Shilton:

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 September 3, 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
 - if a Review is required any additional factors that should be considered as part of that process.

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry www.nirb.ca/project/126346 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	South Qikiqtani region, within the Kuugaaluk River system on the Hall Peninsula, approximately 60–66 kilometers northeast of Iqaluit.
Objective	The Proponent intends to develop a hydroelectric project with an installed generating capacity of up to 30 megawatts to provide renewable electricity to Iqaluit and reduce reliance on imported diesel fuel.
Timeline	Construction phase: Approximately May 2028, to September 2031. Operations phase: Approximately October 2, 2031, to December 31, 2099.

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

- Construction and operation of a hydroelectric facility with an installed generating capacity of up to 30 megawatts (MW), including a dam, reservoir, powerhouse, turbines, generators, spillways, intake structures, penstock, tailrace, low-level outlet, and other water-control structures.
- Development and operation of a reservoir of approximately 7,136 hectares at the proposed Full Supply Level, with water levels managed to support power generation while maintaining downstream flows.
- Assessment of three potential all-season access road route alternatives, followed by construction and operation of one selected for final route approximately 66 kilometers long, with the final route to be selected following further design, Inuit engagement, environmental fieldwork, and regulatory review.
- Construction and operation of an approximately 66-kilometre, 69 kilovolt transmission line generally following the final selected all-season access road alignment, including related substations and electrical interconnection infrastructure.
- Construction and use of temporary construction facilities, including construction camps, laydown areas, staging areas, material borrow areas, quarry areas, crushing and screening areas, fuel-storage areas, waste-management areas, helicopter landing areas, and other temporary work areas.
- Operation of a temporary construction camp to accommodate approximately 50 personnel under typical conditions and up to approximately 90 personnel during peak construction.
- Use of heavy construction equipment, vehicles, pumps, drills, cranes, crushers, screens, concrete equipment, fuel/service units, and other support equipment required for road construction, quarrying, dam construction, transmission-line construction, and related civil works.
- Extraction, processing, and transport of construction materials from proposed quarry and borrow sources, including rock, earth fill, sand, gravel, riprap, concrete aggregate, and engineered fill. Suitable material within the future reservoir inundation area would be used where practicable.
- Blasting for hard-rock quarries, localized rock cuts, dam foundation works, powerhouse foundation, spillway and intake excavations, and portions of the penstock alignment.

- Transportation of equipment, fuel, construction materials, and manufactured components to Iqaluit by sealift, with transport to the Project site by road once suitable access is available. Limited early mobilization may occur using authorized temporary access methods.
- Use of helicopters during construction and operations, including designated and temporary helicopter landing areas, and limited or emergency fixed-wing or float-equipped aircraft use where safe natural landing conditions are available. No constructed temporary or permanent fixed-wing landing strip is proposed.
- Use, storage, and transport of fuel and hazardous materials, including diesel, gasoline, propane, aviation fuel if required, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, explosives, and other construction-related materials, using appropriate storage, containment, inspection, and spill-response measures.
- Water use for construction, camp operations, concrete production, dust control, equipment washing, and other site-support activities. Operational water passing through the turbines would be non-consumptive and returned downstream.
- Management of domestic waste, construction waste, recyclable materials, hazardous waste, sewage, greywater, and contaminated soil or snow if generated, through temporary onsite storage, transport to authorized facilities in Iqaluit where accepted, or shipment south to approved receiving facilities where required.
- Operation and maintenance of the hydroelectric facility using automated controls and remote monitoring from Iqaluit, with onsite attendance for inspections, maintenance, dam safety, emergency response, and operational checks.
- Progressive removal, restoration, or reclamation of temporary construction areas once no longer required, and future decommissioning and closure planning for Project infrastructure.

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. 550 or vnasit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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