



Associated NIRB File No.: 26YN011
NPC Conformity No.: 150962 and 151307

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Re: Hyperborea Expeditions' "Hyperborea" Project Proposal Scope Change and Exempted From Assessment

Dear Ministers and Regulators:

On February 4, 2026, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity decision from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) for Hyperborea Expeditions' "Hyperborea" project. The Commission requested the NIRB assess the updated works pursuant to s. 78(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). During the application process the Proponent advised NIRB that the activities originally planned had significantly changed, and the original activities were not expected to occur.

After submitting a new application to the Commission, a separate conformity determination was issued that determined the proposal exempt from the requirement of NIRB assessment. As a result, the NIRB is verifying to the Regulatory Authorities that any assessment related to NIRB File No. 26YN011/NPC#150962 is terminated, and acknowledging the activities associated with the proposal (NPC conformity #151307) as exempt from NIRB assessment.

Any questions or clarification requests can be directed to the undersigned at tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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