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Sent via email: hshilton@qcorp.ca

Re: Additional Information Required for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project" Project Proposal

Dear Heather Shilton:

On August 12, 2026, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed the above-noted Project Proposal for screening and invited comments from interested parties. Comments were received from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Government of Nunavut, and Government of Canada. On September 8, 2026, the NIRB provided Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation (NNC) with an opportunity to respond to the comments received, and NNC provided its response on September 18, 2026. Following review of the Project Proposal, comments received during screening, and NNC's response, the NIRB requires additional information to support completion of its screening.

In completing its screening assessment, the Board must consider the factors set out in sections 89 and 90 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, including the nature, scale, duration and geographic extent of potential effects, the sensitivity of the receiving environment, potential effects on wildlife habitat and Inuit harvesting activities, cumulative effects, and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation. The additional information requested below is required to provide the Board with a sufficient understanding of the Project and its potential effects to support its screening determination and recommendation to the Minister as to whether the project could proceed to permitting after screening with terms and conditions, whether a review is required, or whether it should be modified and resubmitted.

Project Scale

The proposal provides appropriate maps giving the relationship and footprint of the development. In providing parties with a scale comparison for the development, please provide a summary of scale suggestions for the dam related back to existing Northern/Iqaluit specific infrastructure (i.e. dam length equated to Iqaluit runway length or other building size or height).

Preliminary Management and Monitoring Plans

The proposal includes a list of plans expected to lay out mitigation and management practices for the works proposed. Please provide the initial draft of the core plans: fuel management plan and spill prevention plan, waste management plans, road management plan, wildlife monitoring and mitigation plan, culture and heritage plan, community involvement plan, and closure and reclamation plan. At a minimum, and where information is currently available, each framework should identify:

- the purpose and scope of the plan or program (from that stated in the Proposal);
- the component being managed or monitored;
- proposed mitigation measures;
- conceptual monitoring parameters or indicators;
- proposed monitoring frequency and duration;
- proposed corrective or adaptive-management actions; and
- reporting and follow-up requirements.

Clarification on Project Components:

Reservoir Operation and Downstream Flows: provide the preliminary approach for monitoring downstream conditions and adjusting reservoir operations or flow releases where monitoring identifies effects on fish, fish habitat, downstream aquatic conditions or Inuit harvesting.

Clarify if section 5.2.1.1 of the proposal is verifying only Arctic char have been identified in the river system and reservoir; all other species are stated for awareness of parties but have not been verified present within this system.

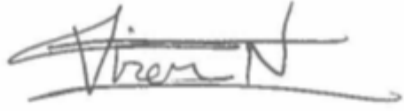
Access Road Management and Inuit Harvesting

Clarify level of access to the proposed road (i.e. how access and use of the proposed all-season road would be managed during construction and operations) specifically the conceptual understanding expected road management for:

- whether access to the road would be public, restricted or otherwise controlled;
- whether and how Inuit land users and harvesters would be able to use the road;
- any anticipated seasonal closures, access restrictions or wildlife-related controls;
- how potential increased access and harvesting pressure would be managed;
- how interactions with caribou and other wildlife would be monitored and mitigated;
- how travel safety and traditional land use would be considered; and
- how Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit and input from relevant Hunters and Trappers Organizations and Inuit land users would inform road-access management, monitoring and adaptive management.

Please provide the information via NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by **October 9, 2026**, or update the NIRB as soon as possible if you require more time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Viren N', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Viren Nasit
Sr. Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board