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**Re: DND Response to Stakeholder Comments to the Nanisivik Naval Facility (NNF) PSIR Submission**

Dear Ms. Hanson:

The Department of National Defence (DND) would like to thank the stakeholders who reviewed the project documents and provided feedback. DND has completed its review of the comments and these can be found in the attached document.

On 24 Feb 2012, I provided notice that we have been tasked with reviewing the requirements of the facility. Although the NNF will remain a berthing and refuelling facility for Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS) and other Government of Canada vessels, the functionality of the site will be reduced. These scope changes will likely have an effect on some of the points raised in the review of the details provided in 2011.

Although we will be reducing the scope of the facility, DND appreciates the time that the stakeholders took to review and comment on the submitted PSIR document. We have provided a response to those concerns, and additionally we have included information that would be relevant to the project's reduced scope.

Several of the stakeholder points address the ship operations. Please note that the operation of the ship at sea is outside of the mandate of this project, which is infrastructure only, and the NNF project team does not have the authority to speak on behalf of ship operations.

A detailed design of the facility in accordance with the revised scope is not yet available, as these changes have very recently been mandated.

DND remains committed to collaborating with the NIRB and stakeholders. We look forward to your guidance on this issue.

Sincerely,

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