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Ms. Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Copland:

Thank you for your Screening Decision Report of January 14, 2013, regarding National Defence's Nanisivik Naval Facility project proposal. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has determined, as per section 12.4.4(c) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, that the project proposal is insufficiently developed to permit a proper screening and that the project proposal should be returned to the proponent for clarification.

Pursuant to section 12.4.8 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I am required to return the proposal to the proponent for clarification and resubmission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board, to be dealt with in accordance with sub-sections 12.4.4(a), (b), or (d). Should National Defence choose to resubmit its project proposal, it will need to be revised to include the outstanding information and clarification requested by the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its efforts in screening the project proposal and I look forward to working with the Board on future environmental assessments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Valcourt".

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Peter MacKay, PC, MP

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