

## NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT NIRB FILE NO.: 17KN073

Associated NIRB File No.: 98D01N074 NPC File No.: 148646 Associated NPC File No. 148275 NWB File No.: 1BR-RES1626

March 21, 2018

To: Tracey McCaie
Manager, Land Administration
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Government of Canada
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Sent via email: tracey.mccaie@aandc.gc.ca and landsmining@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for INAC-Contaminated Sites

Division's "Resolution Island Long Term Monitoring Project Proposal, Qikiqtani

Region

## Dear Tracey McCaie:

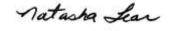
Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada-Contaminated Sites Division's (INAC – Contaminated Sites Division) "Resolution Island Long Term Monitoring" in the Qikiqtani Region, dated March 21, 2018.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Natasha Lear, NIRB Environmental Administrator, at (867) 983-4612 or <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a> if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear Environmental Administrator

cc: Charlotte Lamontagne, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

David Rochette, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Lilianne Kydd, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Rebecca Studer-Halbach, Public Service and Procurement Canada

Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board

Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Salamonie Shoo, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Stas Olpinski, Makivik Corporation

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 17KN073)