

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 09YN013

INAC File No.: N2009N0003

QIA File No.:

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Via email: spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca and Via email: spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Joyia Chakungal's "Melville Peninsula Geo-Mapping" Project Proposal, NIRB File No.: 09YN013

Dear Mr. Filion and Mr. Dewar:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Education (responsible for the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI)) and to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Joyia Chakungal's "Melville Peninsula Geo-Mapping" project proposal in the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Region.

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 NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4** (a) which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File Number 09YN013, signed on March 27, 2009 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to NRI and INAC and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

NIRB is aware of NRI and INAC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that |NRI and INAC send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject Project Proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4605 or lpayette@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie Payette

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Manager of Environmental Administration

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of INAC

Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Education

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Joyia Chakungal