



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 08YN013**

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March 17, 2008

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Via email: adunford@nac.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Sarah Finkelstein's Paleoenvironments and Thule Social Change on the Melville Peninsula Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Dunford:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ed Picco, Minister of Education for Sarah Finkelstein's Paleoenvironments and Thule Social Change on the Melville Peninsula Project Proposal for a research permit in the Baffin 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 08YN013 signed on March 17, 2008 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Iqaluit has been issued to Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

NIRB is aware of NRI's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that NRI 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 Li Wan NIRB's Technical Advisor at 867-983-4606 or lwan@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

Sylvia Novoligak
Environmental Administrator

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Ed Picco: Minister of Education, epicco@gov.nu.ca
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