



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 12YN010**

March 29, 2012

Mosha Cote
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Iqaluit, NU

Via email: mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for University of Western Ontario – Gordon Osinski’s “An Analogue Mission to Discover the Genesis of Methane on Mars” project proposal, NIRB File No. 12YN010

Dear Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dan Shewchuck, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College(NRI) for University of Western Ontario – Gordon Osinski’s “An Analogue Mission to Discover the Genesis of Methane on Mars” in the North Baffin Region.

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 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 No. 12YN010, signed on March 29, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, NU has been issued to NRI and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The 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, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Derek Ehaloak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4610 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Ehaloak', with a stylized, cursive script.

Derek Ehaloak
Environmental Administrator

cc: Gordon Osinski, U of Western Ontario
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Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 12YN010)