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Sent via email: natasha.wodicka@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Geological Survey of Canada's "Tehery-Wager Geoscience Project" project proposal

Dear Natasha Wodicka:

On February 25, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Geological Survey of Canada's (GSC) project proposal from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). On February 27, 2015 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Region) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 15YN008.

On March 19, 2015 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by "Tehery-Wager Geoscience Project" project to provide comments directly to the NIRB on or before April 9, 2015.

On or before April 9, 2015 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- **Government of Nunavut (GN)**
- **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)**
- **Environment Canada (EC)**
- **Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO)**

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's online public registry site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15YN008-NRCan-Tehery-Wager%20Geoscience/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

A summary of the main concerns raised relate to the following:

- Lorillard and Wager Bay caribou calving and post-calving areas,

- Noise in the sensitive caribou areas, and
- Traditional hunting grounds.

Due to these concerns, the NIRB would like to provide GSC with an opportunity to address all the comments prior to the Board making its decision to the Minister. The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **May 7, 2015**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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