

NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT NIRB FILE NO.: 23EN001

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for SPC Nickel Corp's "The Muskox Nickel Property" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region

Dear Tracey McCaie:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ministers Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, the Honourable Minister Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, for SPC Nickel Corp's "The Muskox Nickel Property" in the Kitikmeot Region, dated April 4, 2023.

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 Ministers that a review of the project is **not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 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 s. 75(1) of the NuPPAA will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

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Sincerely, Win Thalad

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 23EN001 (April 4, 2023)

cc: Grant Mourre, SPC Nickel Corp.

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