

## NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT NIRB FILE NO.: 19UN013

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Re: Notice of Release of City of Iqaluit's "Apex River Drinking Water Supply" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin)

## Dear Land Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P., Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated April 17, 2019.

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 Minister that a review of the project is not

required in accordance with paragraph 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 Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 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 Andrea Omilgoitok, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4615 or <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a> if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

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**Environmental Administrator** 

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19UN013 (April 17, 2019)

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