

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 08DN056

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Jeff Holwell Land Administrator Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

Via email: holwellj@inac.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Defence R&D Canada-Atlantic's "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration" Project Proposal

Dear Jeff Holwell:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Defence R&D Canada-Atlantic's "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration" Project Proposal in the Qikiqtani 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 08DN056, signed on June 19, 2008 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to INAC and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

NIRB is aware of INAC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that INAC 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 Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4605 or lpayette@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie Payette

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Manager of Environmental Administration

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of INAC

Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB Nelson McCoy, DR&D