



NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Government of Nunavut's "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region

Dear Parties:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, The Honourable James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson for the Nunavut Water Board and Stanley Anablak, President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Government of Nunavut's (jointly considered the Proponent) "Grays Bay Road and Port" in the Kitikmeot Region, dated October 31, 2017.

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(s) that **the proposed project should undergo further assessment best facilitated through a full environmental review** in accordance with Article 12, Section 12.4.4(b) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and subparagraphs 89(1)(a)(i) and (ii) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister as necessary.

Please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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