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NPC File No.: 148429

September 29, 2017

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Re: Screening Decision for Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port” Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On February 15, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 17XN021.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port” project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated October 2, 2017, 2017 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB’s assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Deep Sea Port
- NIRB File No.: 17XN021
- Application No.: 125103

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister(s) and the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB’s Acting Director, Technical Services, Kelli Gillard at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 17XN021 (October 2, 2017)



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 17XN021**

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October 2, 2017

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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Government of Nunavut's
"Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani
Region, NIRB File No. 17XN021**

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, and other responsible Ministers for Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" in the Qikiqtani Region, dated, October 2, 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 Ministers that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (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 section 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Jaida Ohokannoak, Manager, Technical Administration at (867) 983-4600 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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