



NIRB File No.: 13DN041

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Sent via email: Andrew.ngo@forces.gc.ca

Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request #1 for Canadian Forces' "Exercise Arctic Ram 2016" Project Proposal

Dear Captain Andrew Ngo:

On November 6, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Canadian Forces' "Exercise Arctic Ram 2016" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On November 9, 2015 the NIRB received application materials from Canadian Forces. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number 13DN041, the NIRB has assigned the amendment file to this previous file number - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

Documents and materials received by the NIRB in support this project proposal include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Questionnaire and Conformity Determination*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 1 Form in English, Inuktitut*

All information provided to the NIRB in support of this project proposal can be accessed from the Board's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2014/13DN041-Canadian%20Forces-Arctic%20Ram%202014/>.

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check of your project proposal and has found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. The NIRB

is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **November 30, 2015**.

If Canadian Forces determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Gillard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelli" being more prominent than the last name "Gillard".

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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request #1

Appendix A: Information Request # 1
for Canadian Forces' "Exercise Arctic Ram 2016"
pursuant to Section 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
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1. Topic/Issue: Map(s) noting exercise locations

Reference: Section 8b NIRB Part 1 Form: location(s) of the exercises to be undertaken

Rationale: Information required to determine location of proposed camps and exercises, required for public consultation period.

Request: Provide map(s) noting the proposed camps and exercise locations.

2. Topic/Issue: Continuation of Previous Exercises

Reference: Section 2, subsection 4 of the NIRB Part 1 Form: Exercise Arctic Ram 2014 NIRB File No. 13DN041 was a similar exercise conducted in Kugaaruk, NU in February 2014.

Rationale: The NIRB requires clarification from Canadian Forces that the reference given in the NIRB application to a previous undertaking and the title given to the current military exercise is noting a continuation of the previous exercises. This information is required to determine if the NIRB's previous recommendations need to be included in the current assessment, if the scope of the current proposal is a continuation of previous undertakings.

Request: Provide conformation on whether or not the current proposed exercises are a continuation of the previous Arctic Ram Project.