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Re: Screening Decision for Polar Knowledge Canada's "Deployment of Environmental Instrumentation in Greiner Lake Watershed, Cambridge Bay" Project Amendment Proposal, Kitikmeot Region

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

On August 27, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen amendments to Polar Knowledge Canada's "Deployment of Environmental Instrumentation in Greiner Lake Watershed, Cambridge Bay" project from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number 15YN032, the NIRB assigned the amendment file to this previous file number.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Polar Knowledge Canada's "Deployment of Environmental Instrumentation in Greiner Lake Watershed, Cambridge Bay" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (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 December 7, 2015 to the responsible Minister. 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 public registry using the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2015/

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 15YN032 (December 7, 2015)