



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 25YN039**

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June 2, 2025

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Commented [SG1]: Ensure this letter goes to the administrative staff for all regulatory authorities identified for the project by the NIRB

Please work with the TA to identify all the regulatory authorities

Sent via email: mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Jose Audet-Lecouffe, Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Assessing the Ecological Risk Associated with Mineral Extraction and Low-Sulfur Fuels in Northern Ecosystems" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region

Dear Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister Margaret Nakashuk Responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Assessing the Ecological Risk Associated with Mineral Extraction and Low-Sulfur Fuels in Northern Ecosystems" in the Kitikmeot Region, dated June 2, 2025.

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 that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*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 s. 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 s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

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Please contact the undersigned at info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 25YN039 (June 2,2025)

cc: The Honourable Margaret Nakashuk, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, P.C., MP, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
James Eetoolook, Acting President, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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