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To: The Honourable Paul Quassa
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Re: Screening Decision for Queen's University "Investigation of Surface Minerals at an Old Exploration Site" Project Proposal, North Baffin Region

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

On February 24, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Queens' University (Queen's) "Investigation of Surface Minerals at an Old Exploration Site" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission, with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 16YN008.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Queens' University "Investigation of Surface Minerals at an Old Exploration Site" 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 April 18, 2016 to the responsible Minister. The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB 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: Investigation of Surface Minerals at an Old Exploration Site
- NIRB File No.: 16YN008
- Application No.: 124628

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.: 16YN008 (April 18, 2016)