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The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc
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Sent via email and regular mail

Re: Notice of Release of Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard IS Guidelines

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Pursuant to Section 12.2.23 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 38 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*) the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is releasing for consultation the enclosed *Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines*. By way of this correspondence the NIRB is inviting interested parties to provide comments on the draft documents by **March 15, 2019**.

The *Draft Rules of Procedure* have been developed as authorized under Article 12, Section 12.2.23 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 26 of the *NuPPAA* and will apply to NIRB proceedings, including Public Hearings.

The *Draft Standard IS Guidelines* have been developed as authorized under Article 12, Section 12.2.23(h) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 26(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA* and provide information to guide Proponents in the preparation of their impact statement documentation as required during the NIRB's assessment of project proposals under Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. Once finalized, the Standard IS Guidelines will provide greater certainty for proponents wishing to develop project descriptions with sufficient information to support an assessment by the NIRB and will limit and focus the required development of project-specific guidelines issued during the assessment of a project by the NIRB.

The *Draft Rules of Procedure* and the *Draft Standard IS Guidelines* can be accessed from the NIRB's website in English, Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and French at www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure.

By way of this correspondence, the NIRB seeks to:

- Ensure you/your organization/agency are aware of the release of the draft documents;
- Advise you/your organization/agency that the NIRB is commencing public consultation regarding the drafts;

- Extend a special invitation to you/your organization/agency to provide your written comments to the NIRB about the draft documents in any of the four languages set out above by **March 15, 2019**; and
- Invite you to get in touch with the NIRB directly if you/your organization/agency would like to have a teleconference or in-person meeting with the NIRB to discuss the draft documents before submitting your comments.

Please submit all written comments regarding the draft documents to the NIRB by **March 15, 2019** via regular mail, fax or email:

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The following format is recommended for comment submissions, to enable the NIRB to effectively address and respond to comments, revisions or recommendations provided by interested parties on the draft documents:

Comment Number:	Each specific comment, revision or recommendation should be numbered to allow for effective cross-referencing of the submission.
Subject:	Identify the general subject or topic associated with the comment, revision or recommendation (e.g., ‘Filing of Motions’).
Reference:	Provide a clear reference to the applicable document, section, and/or page number where the text associated with comment, revision or recommendation may be found.
Priority:	Identify the relative importance of the comment, revision or recommendation to you/your organization/agency.
Background/ Rationale:	Provide background information and any rationale supporting the comment, revision or recommendation.
Recommendation to Address Issues:	If possible, provide recommendations regarding the best means of addressing the issue(s) identified, including, but not limited to providing suggested changes to the text of the drafts, identifying additions or deletions required and discussing whether the NIRB should address the issue(s) outside the current draft documents.

All comments received regarding the draft documents and responses provided by the NIRB will be posted online at www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure.

The NIRB looks forward to working with all interested parties to consider the comments, revisions and recommendations received on the drafts, with a view to finalizing and implementing the updated Rules of Procedure and the Standard IS Guidelines in 2019.

If you have any questions or wish to follow up with respect to directed engagement opportunities with the NIRB in support of this initiative, please contact the NIRB’s Executive Director, Ryan Barry directly at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Nunavut-wide Distribution List

Attached: Rules of Procedure and Standard IS Guidelines Distribution List

Enclosed (2):
1) *Draft* NIRB Rules of Procedure
2) *Draft* Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

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