



**NIRB File No.: 08DN081**  
**INAC File No.: N2008X0037**

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:**  
**Defense Construction Canada's "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and**  
**Remediation" project**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On January 17, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for new Quarry Permits under the INAC Land Use Permit N2008X0037 in support of Defense Construction Canada's (DCC) "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08DN081) was received by the NIRB from INAC on November 5, 2008 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On December 18, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On January 11, 2011 the NIRB received a land use permit extension request from INAC for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on December 18, 2008.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (08DN081) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:  
<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08DN081-DCC%20-%20PIN-2/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08DN081), the “PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation” project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 150 kilometres from Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to clean-up and remediate the former Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line site.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Demolition of existing facilities;
- Remediation of existing landfills;
- Construction of two new landfills;
- Excavation of contaminated soils;
- Removal of surface debris;
- Grading and restoration of land surfaces;
- Installation of a construction camp to accommodate up to 60 people
  - Average of 50 people on site at one time
  - Peak number of people on site from mid-July to late August
- Use of existing airstrip and roads for equipment transport, movement and access to work areas;
- Quarrying;
- Use of heavy machinery (excavators, tractors, loaders, etc.)
- Storage and offsite disposal of hazardous contaminated soils and hazardous waste;
- Construction of Tier II soil disposal facility; and
- Site monitoring following remediation.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

DCC is currently applying for new Quarry Permits under INAC Land Use Permit N2008X0037 for activities in the 2011 construction season including:

- Final closure
- Capping of the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill and Tier II Soil Disposal Facility
- Reshaping borrow areas
- Closure of the sewage lagoon

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

*(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*

*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the

general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original December 18, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kofi Boa-Antwi, Assistant Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4609 or [kboa-antwi@nirb.ca](mailto:kboa-antwi@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08DN081 (December 18, 2008)