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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's "Durban and Padloping Islands Remediation" Project Proposal**

Dear Natalie Plato:

On March 16, 2012, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Contaminated Sites Division's (The Proponent) "Durban and Padloping Islands Remediation" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **12UN011** - please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

The objective of this proposed project is to remediate sites on Durban and Padloping Islands approximately 100 kilometres (km) and 75 km southeast of Qikiqtarjuaq in South Baffin Region, respectively. The proposed project is planned to commence in June 2012 and is to be completed by September 2017.

The proposed activities include:

- Remediating the former Intermediate Distant Early Warning Line site (FOX-E) on Durban Island and the former weather station and settlement area on Padloping Island;
- Utilising a total crew of fifty (50) at both sites;
- Mobilizing equipment and supplies to the sites via sealift and helicopter;
- Constructing a main camp on Durban Island and a secondary camp on Padloping Island;
- Constructing a sewage lagoon at both sites;
- Excavating borrow materials for road construction and site grading;

- Upgrading site access roads on Durban and Padloping Islands;
- Packaging and stockpiling hazardous and non-hazardous waste for removal via sealift to licensed disposal facilities in the South;
- Removing the remains of two barges near the shoreline on Padloping Island;
- Constructing hydrocarbon treatment landfarm facilities on Durban and Padloping Islands;
- Demobilizing equipment and infrastructure from both sites including removal of all stockpiled material; and
- Utilising a total of 200,000 litres (L) each of diesel fuel and aviation fuel, 50,000 L of gasoline, and 2,000 pounds of propane.

All waste generated during the proposed project would be disposed of at approved sites. Sewage and grey water would be disposed of at the sewage lagoons to be constructed on site.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal (NIRB File No. 12UN011) can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/12UN011-AANDC-Durban%20and%20Padloping%20Islands-Remediation%20Project/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Form (English and Inuktitut)*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal Summary (English and Inuktitut)*
- *AANDC Land Use Permit Application*
- *Water Licence Application – Nunavut Water Board*
- *Location Maps*

Pursuant to Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

Be advised that the NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by your project proposal. Interested parties are encouraged to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 12, 2012**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and

- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at (867) 983-4609 or [kboa-antwi@nirb.ca](mailto:kboa-antwi@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)